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to baseball

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A.S. board loses another director

Business affairs
director fourth
to leave this semester

By Jeffrey Niese
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The Associated Students Board of Directors has lost another member, bringing the total number of directors down to 10.

Bobbie Devine, former director of business affairs, became the fourth director to leave A.S. this semester when she submitted a letter of resignation last week.

A.S. President Marilyn Charell said she is not concerned with the resignations this semester. "There's a certain number of students who get involved in A.S. that get discouraged or don't have time and they leave."

Charell also said, "It's a very challenging environment for a student to survive in."

Johnathan Wilson, director for communi-

ty affairs, said he applauds Devine in her decision to resign. "She was unwilling to compromise in doing things," Wilson said. "She quit because of the mess on the board."

In the resignation letter Devine said she had better things to do than waste her time on a "thankless job."

Devine said one reason for resigning was the lack of communication on the board, and the "power tripping" of other A.S. members.

"I feel that my resignation could have

been avoided if only the future (A.S.) President and Controller could have at least had enough respect to alert me that they had indeed found other funding," Devine said. "I did not have to waste my precious time away from my children, career and studies investigating the current budget."

Wilson said he is concerned with the number of students who have left the board of directors this semester.

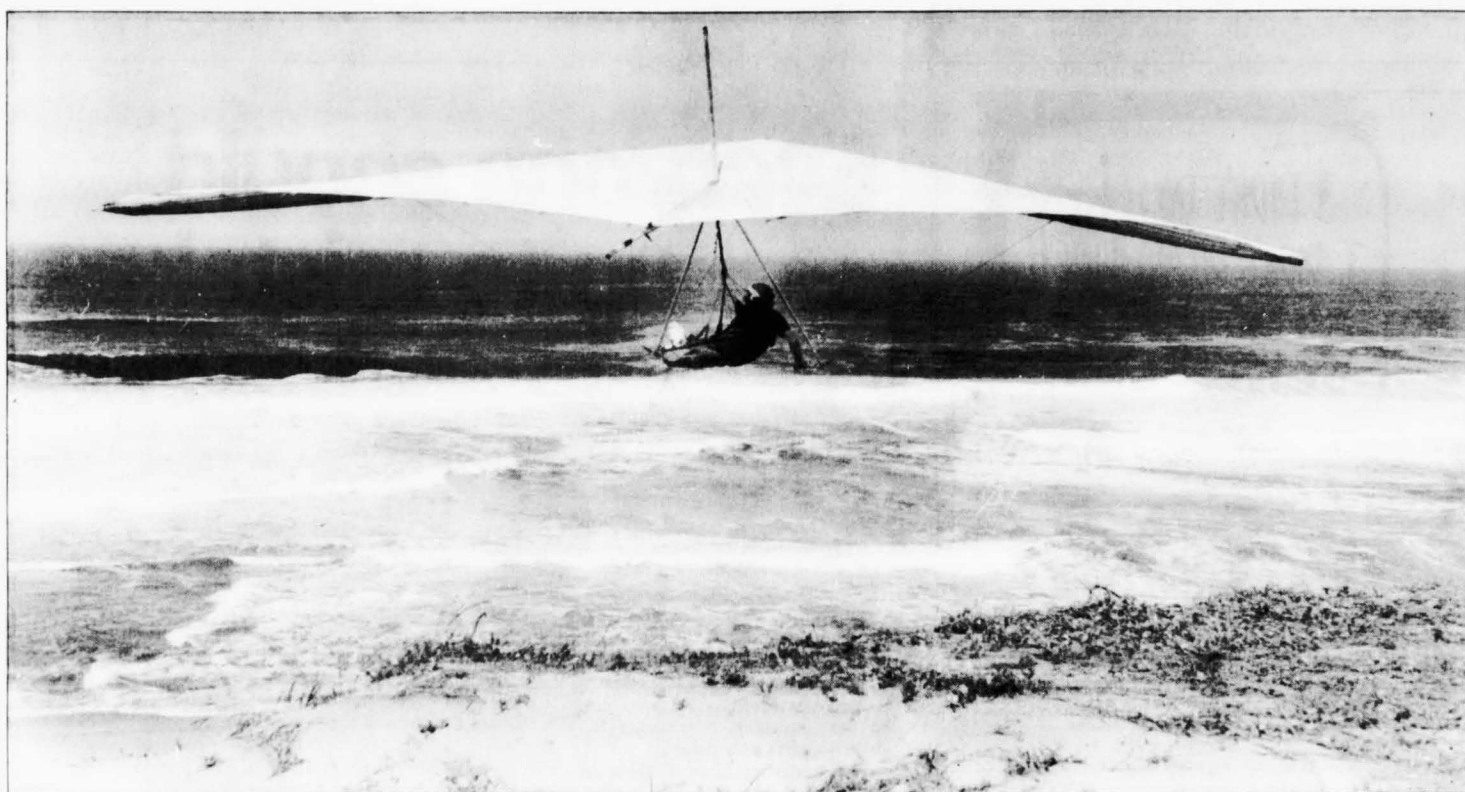
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Johnathan Wilson
director for community affairs

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Winging it

Like many thrill seekers, John Borton likes to push his body and mind outside "the envelope" virtually every week-end by participating in extreme sports such as hang gliding and rock climbing. Find out why in this week's Etc.

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Earth Day comes to campus

Event to feature, speakers, 'eco-fair,' workshops

By Lindy Boisvert
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Eco-friendly vehicles will roam the Central Plaza on Monday as part of the annual Earth Day celebration. The event, coordinated by the Environmental Resource Center and funded by the Associated Students, will feature an "eco-fair," workshops, and guest speakers.

All day, the Central Plaza will feature the event the environmental resource center is calling "Conserve, Protect, Preserve." It will offer booths informing students on how to become more environmentally aware. An alternative vehicle exhibit, including a human-powered vehicle created by the engineering department, will be on display. There will also be a raffle, a series of speakers and a West Africa drumming band.

Two third grade classes from Horace Mann Elementary will be participating in environmentally educational activities. They will make crafts out of reusable and recyclable materials, walk through the Earth Day festivities and watch Dr. Suess' "The Lorax."

The sphere gets rolling at 10 a.m. in the Costanoan Room of the Student Union with a workshop titled "The Endangered Species Act." Members of the Sierra Club will be present to discuss the topic.

At 11 a.m. "Energy Efficiency" will be the topic of discussion. A member of PG&E will give pointers on lowering electric bills and conserving energy. There will be a panel at 1:30 p.m. featuring

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Speaker to discuss environment

By Jennifer Johnson
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Assistant Administrator Mary Nichols from the Environmental Protection Agency, Air and Radiation Standards Division will speak on Monday in front of an environmental studies class at 11:30 a.m. in Washington Square Hall, room 207.

"I'm hoping (she chose SJSU) because we have a national reputation," said environmental stud-

ies instructor Frank Schiavo. Nichols, who was appointed to her position by President Bill Clinton, will be on campus to interact with students and to hear their concerns about the environment.

Among the topics for discussion are regulatory information, hazardous air emissions and emergencies such as Chernobyl

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Revolutionary scholar

SJSU professor to research post-Soviet Russia at international center

By Lisa Brown
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Recent political history will likely record the 1991 fall of communism in the Former Soviet Republic (FSR) as another revolution.

An SJSU lecturer shared his part in that revolution with his students and will share that same perspective with American scholars in Washington, D.C.

Igor Zevelev, a lecturer in the political science department, was recently awarded the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and is in his fourth and final semester at SJSU.

He is a 40-year-old visiting scholar born in Uzbekistan and raised in Moscow, Russia.

He teaches international relations, politics and human rights courses.

Zevelev said his major area of study is Russian foreign policy.

From September 1996 to May 1997, Zevelev will conduct research at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars on the topic titled, "Russia and the new Russian Diaspora: The road to domination in Eurasia."

After the breakup of the Soviet Union, 25 million Russians, although they did not emigrate, found themselves abroad in new territories, Zevelev said.

He said he will be studying the international reper-

cussions that elevate this problem and the attitude of Russians who found themselves citizens of different countries.

On Aug. 19, 1991 a coup attempt against then Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was made; the junta placed Gorbachev under house arrest.

During the three-day revolution, Zevelev said he was on the streets of Moscow. What he shared, he said, happened within only a matter of minutes.

On his way home on Aug. 20 from an anti-junta political rally, Zevelev said he noticed a slow-moving tank about to merge from a narrow street to a large street. He said his motivation to act — he said he felt the Soviet Union's future hinged on the advancement of a single tank — was a "pathetic view."

He and two or three citizens stood in front of the tank as it moved "quite slowly," he said. Although they did not know what they were going to do exactly, he said they initially felt safe, not frightened. He said they felt secure about their options to step aside in case the tank did not stop.

"We were just showing and protesting our resentment of the military," he said. Then he said a huge crowd gathered from all around. Suddenly, they found themselves in the middle of a sea of fellow protesters.

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PHOTO BY PAUL MYERS — SPARTAN DAILY

Professor Igor Zevelev, a visiting scholar from Russia, was awarded the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship in his final semester at SJSU.

SPARTAN SPEED READ

Mentor matching

The College of Humanities and the Arts will be having a get together for their mentors and mentees from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday at the University Club.

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Dissecting MTV

VOICE will be sponsoring "Making video music: The Politics and Poetics of MTV" from 10:30 a.m. to noon today in the Guadalupe Room in the Student Union.

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Civil Rights Initiative

The California Civil Rights Initiative will be discussed from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday in the Loma Prieta Room in the Student Union

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Galarza Awards

Scholarships totaling \$10,000 were awarded to 15 SJSU students at the Twelfth Annual Ernesto Galarza Symposium and Awards Ceremony last Thursday.

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Give up, America — the war on drugs is lost

By Dustin Shekell

Let's face it, America's war against drugs is a complete failure. Not since Vietnam has the American government wasted so much time and manpower to fight something against which they are so helpless.

The drug underworld in this country is analogous to all the water in the San Francisco Bay. Each gallon of water in the bay is a drug user or dealer, and the 400,000 anti-drug enforcement officials nationwide are armed with nothing more than sponges to end the epidemic. The source of the problem is much too enormous.

Do you recall the result the last time Uncle Sam tried to stop his fellow Americans from consensually destroying their own brain cells? When the most intoxicating of all "minor" drugs, alcohol, was prohibited by law, organized crime and illegal distilleries were out of control.

People were forced to buy a jug of illegal whiskey from an unidentified source, not knowing of its purity or potency. In 1931, one thousand people in the U.S. died

from alcohol consumption; not driving drunk, just drinking poisoned liquor. Likewise, users of today's controlled substances are dying after inhaling, injecting or snorting impure goods.

You might say this is their problem for doing drugs in the first place. Not a bad point until you consider the statistic that 70 million Americans have smoked marijuana at one time or another in their lives, not to mention those who have experimented with harder drugs. When your son or daughter decides to take a puff off a joint at a high school party for the first and maybe last time of his or her life, I hope nobody in the chain of the black market drug underworld has decided to lace that pot with PCP or Drano.

Consider the crime element necessary to make an illegal substance proliferate. Organized crime in this nation hit its peak when it was able to illegally sell alcohol at hugely exorbitant prices. The crime of today's drug world is not a derivative of the drugs themselves, but of the prohibition of the drugs.

Estimates are that cocaine's production costs are about two percent of its street

value. Cannabis, a.k.a. pot, hemp, goo, ganny, grass, ganja, weed, reefer, kind, cripper and chronic, is a quickly growing weed, indigenous to many parts of the country, now worth pound-for-pound more than gold. These are the prices addicts and casual users must pay to obtain their highs. Who really pays for their habits?

We do. Think of the amount of crime necessary to fund an average cocaine or heroin addict's lifestyle. Most addicts are not rich, so how else besides a life of crime could they feed their addiction? Breaking into cars and homes, holding people up at gunpoint or selling tainted drugs to the bad seeds attending the same high schools as our kids, the addicts will always find resources to obtain quick cash.

The other effect of these skyrocketing drug prices is the rouge factor or the type of person who will buy and distribute drugs for a huge profit. These drug overlords will do whatever it takes to defend their territory and maintain their lavish lifestyle. These are the only people who are truly benefiting from this federal prohibition.

If by chance any of these criminals are caught, we still pay for them when they are locked up in jail. Nearly 50 percent of the prison population in this country is there because of drug offenses. A large majority of those in prison now for striking out under current California legislation obtained their third strike by committing a marijuana related offense. Is that what this program was established to do, eliminate the deadly marijuana growers from our society?

I don't want my tax dollars paying for Mr. Bud Green's life imprisonment. Drug offenders belong in rehab, not prison.

The issue raised by this argument is the number of people who will become addicts once these drugs are legalized. Nicotine is one of the most highly addictive substances known to man. At the same time, cigarette smokers in this country have steadily decreased as the media has bombarded the public with the dangers of the drug.

We should rely on the intelligence of the public and the solid upbringing from American families to dictate whether drugs will be experimented with. Besides,

if somebody wanted to use drugs now, do you really think it would be that difficult for them to find exactly the drug they are looking for?

Strict rules regulating the consumption of nicotine and alcohol have made their legal existence somewhat bearable. Why couldn't similar rules be established for the other drugs that are currently costing the American society countless amounts of money and lives.

Not only is prohibition killing people by forcing the proliferation of impure goods, it is murdering many innocent Americans who get caught in the crossfire of drug lords or who get stabbed for a diamond ring by a cringing addict. The death toll inflicted by America's drug policy rises when we consider the number of users who have perished or are in the process of withering away after acquiring the HIV virus from a dirty needle. Who have they then passed the virus on to?

Concede defeat, America.

Dustin Shekell is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

From the heart

Everyone should own up to mistakes

Owning up to one's mistakes is never easy and when Earvin Magic Johnson admitted that his bumping a referee was unprofessional last Monday he displayed responsibility and character.

Johnson was suspended for three games and fined \$10,000 for his actions.

This is not the first time Johnson has openly admitted he was wrong, either. Magic also made an announcement in 1991, as he told the world he was HIV positive and admitted to practicing unsafe sex. Everyone was in shock.

And last Monday Johnson could have easily made a number of excuses for his behavior regarding the suspension.

For instance, Scott Foster, the referee who called a technical on Johnson after he complained on not getting a foul called, was not a veteran in the league. Johnson could have easily squirmed out of admitting he was wrong by casting the blame on the 29-year-old second-year referee.

Still Johnson confessed.

"I accept the league's fine and suspension and I want all the fans, the media, and everyone associated with the Lakers to know that my actions were unprofessional and wrong," he stated in a statement issued by the Lakers. "I apologize to Scott Foster, to all the NBA referees, and to the league and I hope they know, as I do, that the incident was accidental..."

To make things tougher, Johnson had just harped on teammate Nick Van Exel, who had been suspended for the Lakers' final seven games and fined an NBA record \$25,000 for bumping referee Ron Garretson onto a scorer's table with his left forearm in a game at Denver on April 9.

How many times do we make mistakes and not apologize or fix them?

Well, anyhow, I, too, made a mistake last week in one of my columns, "Faith can help turn a fish into a shark," and I'm going to confess what it was, even though it was rather embarrassing.

I'm going to trust you, OK?

Here I go. I'm taking a big breath ... another big breath. Jeez ... this is harder than I thought it would be.

OK, OK ... in my column I stated that before I learned to follow the Holy Spirit in my life the stress and pressures from school, work, relationships, peers, family and a multitude of others would cause me to become aggressive, use foul language, hurt people's feelings, talk behind peo-

ple's backs, use people, feel alone, and become depressed or dependent on something such as alcohol or drugs. Well, I was never dependent on either one.

How much more embarrassing can it get when you get your own personal account of certain events of your life wrong? I could have made excuses and let my pride get the best of me by simply keeping quiet — letting almost no one know I even made a mistake — but like Magic I admitted I acted wrongly.

I didn't mind so much what people would think about me, but I didn't want to be untruthful. I know many people who have overcome drugs and alcohol; I can only wish I could tell a story of faith like that, but I can't.

And the reality is we all make blunders every day; Even when we don't intend to make them. How many times do we end up saying, "How did I manage to do that this time?"

And just acknowledging our errors is not enough — we need to focus on not doing them anymore, making a turn in the opposite direction.

And even though there are always consequences to our errors — like me having to feel like a goof and let everyone know I misstated something — it's important to confess our mistakes and learn from them.

Many times our first response when we mess up is to run as fast as we can in the opposite direction. The last thing we want to do is deal with the situation and humble ourselves to others who we may have hurt. Carrying our shortcomings inside causes us to lie to others and to ourselves.

And just acknowledging our errors is not enough — we need to focus on not doing them anymore, making a turn in the opposite direction. Johnson again provides a good example.

"The important thing is for our players to learn from these mistakes and for us as a team to put this behind and get prepared for the playoffs," he said.

We, too, need put our faults behind us by not letting them continue to bring us down. Not dealing with our mishaps and transgressions builds up a wall between our friends, family, co-workers and The Man Upstairs.

If we have the boldness to admit when we are wrong, we can get back on track to making our aspirations and dreams come true as Johnson is doing with dealing with AIDS and his basketball career.

It's more than just Magic, it's the path to truth, courage and perseverance in our lives.

Eddie Zacapa is a Spartan Daily Columnist. His column appears every Thursday.



A lifelong sentence

By Paul Eiser

A story ran recently in the Spartan Daily about a Western lowland gorilla, Mojo, that had leukemia. According to the director of the Oklahoma City Zoological Park, where Mojo lived, Mojo was in severe pain and on his last leg. When the pain became unbearable, they decided to end his pain and euthanized him.

So, in this case a gorilla is allowed to be spared the pain and suffering of a terminal illness.

What does this say about the way we treat human beings who are suffering from terminal illnesses? Why is a gorilla granted clemency, while we constantly sentence our own people to unlimited pain and suffering? Thousands of humans are out there and, just like Mojo, are suffering in intense pain, and are on their last leg. Yet, we will not help them end the pain and suffering.

Because of the way people and the government treat death, it seems like there is a law on the books in this country that it is illegal to die. It almost appears that if a human being passes away, they can be prosecuted for the crime in a court of law. (Just remember to read them their rights or they might get off on a technicality.) I wonder what the sentence is if the defendant is found guilty?

Why else would there be such denial, such fear, such ignorance on the subject?

I know death is not easy. I was there by my father's side when he passed away. He had battled cancer for five years. For five years, he survived a battle against forces that would not give up. My father was not a man to give up either, even to overwhelming forces,

yet he knew he could not live in this condition. He had to make a decision.

When the time came, we did not prolong his life through artificial means. We did not delude ourselves into thinking he would get better if just given more time. We let him go. May he rest in peace.

The problem is we were in the minority. Every year critically ill people are put on devices that breathe for them, feed them and keep their heart going. The only thing those machines cannot do is provide a will to live nor end the pain.

Sometimes people are kept alive by these artificial means for years, even decades. They just lie there, unmoving, sometimes unthinking. Is this any way to live?

How can we be so "humane" to other species yet so cruel to ourselves? We constantly put our beloved pets to sleep to save them from a painful existence.

Yet we put ourselves and our loved ones through so much pain just because we cannot let go; we cannot accept that death is inevitable for everyone.

I know there are people who feel the same way I do. There are books on the subject. There are people fighting for the right to die. Sure it is a controversial subject, but so is life. You cannot have one without the other.

Only when we accept death can we live in peace. Death is not something to fear. I honestly cannot say what awaits us on the other side. I just hope my father is happy, free from the pain that he endured while fighting his battle with cancer. That is all I ask. That is all I hope for everyone.

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SJSU's Daily Calendar

Today

Asian American

Christian Fellowship
"Be Attitudes I," by Nate Mihara, 7:30p.m. Student Union, Almaden rm. Call 286-6427.

Campus Crusade for Christ
"NiteLife" meeting, 8p.m. Student Union, Guadalupe rm. Call 924-7910.

Career Center
The Clorox Company employment presentation, 12:30p.m. Student Union, Almaden rm. Call 924-6033.

Catholic Campus Ministry
Mass, 12noon. John XXII Center, 195 E. San Fernando St. Call 938-1610.

Chicano Commencement '96
Meeting, 5:30p.m. Chicano Resource Library, Wahlquist Library, third floor. Call 924-8079.

Delta Sigma Theta
Spring informational meeting, 7p.m. Student Union, Multi-cultural rm. Call Delta house.

Department of Communication Studies, and VOICE
Video presentation, "Making Video Music: The Politics and Poetics of MTV," 10:30a.m.-Noon. Student Union, Guadalupe rm. Call 924-5379.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance
Meeting, 3:30p.m.-5p.m. MacQuarrie Hall, rm. 223.

Hispanic Business Association
Election meeting, 5p.m.-6p.m. Business Classrooms, rm. 4. Call 585-8569.

The Listening Hour
Performances on the natural horn of Mozart and Brahms by Dr. Brian Holmes. Music Bldg., Concert Hall. Call 924-4631.

MEChA
Fasting, with poetry and music, in honor of the life of Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers union. 11:30a.m.-1p.m. Student Union, Associated Students chambers. Call 924-2540.

National Press Photographers Association

Speaker series, Don Smith, San Jose Sharks team photographer, 7:30p.m. Dwight Bentel Hall, rm. 133. Call 924-3245.

Okinawan Shorin Ryu Karate Club

Workout, 4p.m.-5p.m. Spartan Complex West, rm. 202. Call 924-8759.

School of Art and Design
Student galleries art exhibits. Art and Industrial Studies Bldgs. Call 924-4330.

Senior Enhancement Campaign
Gift for 1996 Senior Class (and free ice cream). 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. Art Bldg., quad. Call 924-1129.

Sociology Club
Meeting, 3p.m.-4p.m. Dudley Moorhead Hall, rm. 226B. Call 924-5323.

Social Sciences (various departments)
Film screening, "From Danger to Dignity," Noon-2p.m. Student Union, Ballroom. Call 924-5592.

Spartan Christian Fellowship
Revival meeting, Noon. Student Union, Costanoan rm. Call 267-5787.

Friday

Career Center
Presentation by NFL Youth Training Camp, Noon. (Sign-ups for summer jobs, 1p.m.-5p.m.) Student Union, Almaden rm. Call 924-6033.

Chinese Campus Fellowship
Meeting with a speaker, 2:30p.m.-5p.m. Student Union, Guadalupe rm. Call 225-2224.

Contravention
Meeting and introduction of this new club dedicated to alternative arts and drama. 5p.m. Hugh Gillis Hall, rm. 226. Call 924-4569.

Counseling Services
Personal-growth group, 1p.m.-2:30p.m. Administration Bldg., rm. 201. Call 924-5937.

French Club
Meeting and conversations in French, 12:30p.m.-1:30p.m. MacQuarrie Hall, Jazzland Cafe. Call 283-0753.

Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual Student Support Group
Meeting, 1:30p.m.-2:30p.m. Counseling Services, Administration Bldg., rm. 201. Call 924-5910.

Latter-day Saint Students Association
Carwash, 12:30p.m. San Jose Institute, 66 S. Seventh St. Call 286-3313.

School of Art and Design
Student galleries art exhibits: Dayton Claudio, MFA exhibit; Maria Lucia Villegas, MFA exhibit; Carrie, Shere, her class; Tinna Harter, her class; Linda Walsh, her class. Art and Industrial Studies Bldgs. Call 924-4330.

Senior Enhancement Campaign
Gift for 1996 Senior Class, 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. Art Bldg., quad. Call 924-1129.

Women's Resource Center
Open support group, 10:30p.m. Administration Bldg., rm. 207. Call 924-6500.

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PEOPLE

Oprah talk show sways mercantile exchange

CHICAGO (AP) — Oprah Winfrey may not be able to move mountains, but she can move markets.

The talk-show queen beefed about meat, and cattle prices dropped.

Reports of her show about mad-cow disease made it to the trading floor Tuesday at Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Cattle prices fell amid fear that viewers would cut back on beef.

"The program exacerbated what was already a negative situation in the market," said Charles

Levitt, livestock analyst with Alaron Trading Corp.

Alisa Harrison, a spokeswoman for the National Cattlemen's Association, blasted Oprah's show: "They seem not to want to tell our story, that we have been ahead of the issue for 10 years."

Winfrey defended the program.

"I asked questions that I think that the American people deserve to have answered in light of what is happening in Britain. We gave them a chance to respond," she said.

College to honor mentor program

By Jeffrey Niese
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The College of the Humanities and the Arts will be having a get together for their mentors and mentees from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday at the University Club at 408 S. Eighth Street.

Coordinator for the event Martha Bean said the event will have pizza, snacks and a skit by a mentor, and she said no one will be turned away.

The mentoring program at SJSU has been around for ten years and is mainly directed towards under represented students, Bean said.

She also said these students, African-American, Latino and American Indian, are sent information about the mentoring program in the mail prior to their first semester.

The incoming students who choose to take part in the mentoring program are paired up with a faculty mentor from their field of study. There are about 300 faculty mentors at SJSU, Bean said.

Bean said a lot of these students are the first in

their family to attend college. "Sometimes students get discouraged early," she said.

Bean got involved in the mentoring program when she came to SJSU in 1991.

"Soon as I heard of it I thought it was an excellent program," she said.

Bean said other college campuses have programs similar to the mentoring program at SJSU but they are not as well organized as this one.

The mentee Bean had when she first came to SJSU has just graduated and one that Bean got in 1992 will be graduating this May. Bean said it is very rewarding to see this person grow through college.

Bean said the student graduating in May is the first person in her family to graduate from college.

"It's been great to watch her grow and graduate," Bean said.

"Professors only see these kids from semester to semester. I've had an ongoing four-year relationship with her," Bean said.

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Martha Bean
event coordinator

VOICE event to give clear view of music television

By Lindy Boisvert
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Salt-n-Pepa, Madonna and Janet Jackson are among the personalities who draw viewers into the realms of MTV.

The elements of MTV and the popular culture surrounding it are under scrutiny.

"(Students) just watch (MTV) and accept it. After this lecture, they'll have a basis for critiquing MTV and understanding what's going on behind the scenes," said communications Professor Shawn Spano.

"Making video music: the politics and poetics of MTV," will be hosted by VOICE, a student

division of the communication studies department.

The event is a presentation featuring University of San Francisco professor Andrew Goodwin.

Goodwin studies popular culture, as well as critiques popular culture.

Goodwin will show clips of various videos and MTV shows, and then he will critique them.

The politics and aesthetics of MTV will be uncovered.

Spano said Goodwin will show us there is more to MTV than meets the eye.

There is actually some more important political issues going on while the images may not

reflect them as such. Spano also said he expects him to be critical of MTV.

As a professor, Goodwin won't accept MTV blindly, said Spano.

"He will pick them apart."

The event is Thursday in the Guadalupe Room of the Student Union. It is expected to run from 10:30 to noon. Communications professor James Lull is tying the presentation into his visual communications class.

"Students should get a kick out of it," said Spano.

Bailey still imprisoned

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Imprisoned attorney F. Lee Bailey is asking an appeals court to order a hearing now that he has surrendered 400,000 shares of disputed stock that landed him in prison

for six weeks on a contempt charge.

Bailey says he has met the conditions for his release and is being held illegally by U.S. District Judge Maurice Paul.

Bailey filed a motion Tuesday asking the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta to order Paul to hold an immediate hearing. The appeals court hadn't ruled on the motion by early Wednesday.

Best Kept Secret...

STUDENT JUSTICES AT SJSU

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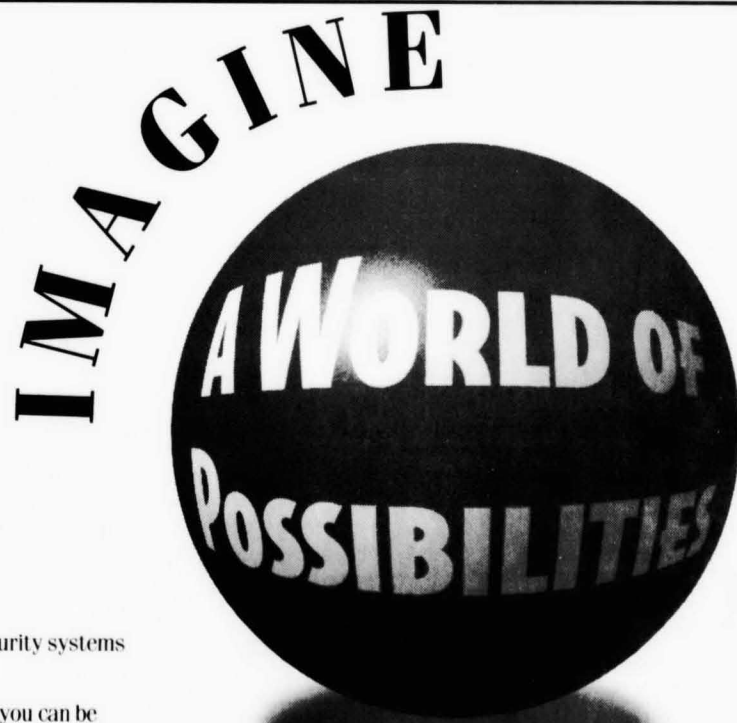
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Apple loses \$740 million as sales plunge

Company says 1,500 employees to be laid off

Associated Press

Apple Computer Inc. lost \$740 million in its second quarter as sales plummeted and will lay off 1,500 more employees over the next year, the company said Wednesday.

It had warned about the loss last month, saying it would have to pay for the declining

value of unsold computers and severance for 1,300 job cuts announced in January.

But its troubles worsened, as the quarterly report made clear. Apple's sales fell a staggering 18 percent from January to March while the overall personal computer industry continued to grow, though at a slower rate than last year.

Uncertainty about Apple's future, driven by takeover rumors and a change in senior management, caused individuals and businesses to hold back on purchases for several weeks in January and February.

Apple's loss for the three months ended March 29 amounted to \$5.99 a share. That compares with a profit of \$73 million, or 59

cents a share, for the same period last year. Revenue was \$2.2 billion, down from \$2.7 billion.

"With regard to ongoing financial results, it is clear that we need to reduce fixed costs, simplify our product lines and streamline our business systems," Gil Amelio, Apple's new chairman and chief executive officer, said in a statement. But he predicted better times for the company.

"I want to reaffirm my strong belief that the foundations of our business are sound," Amelio said. He plans to explain strategic plans further next month.

Apple released the figures after financial markets closed. Its stock was down 62 1/2

cents to \$25.25 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

More than half the \$740 million loss — \$388 million — went to write down the value of Apple's inventory. Its stock of machines began rising after it overestimated demand for low-priced and low-powered computers last year. It got out of hand while customers waited out its turmoil this quarter.

An additional \$130 million went for restructuring, including 1,300 layoffs that were announced in January. With the 1,500 additional cuts, Apple's workforce will drop from 14,500 to 11,700 in 15 months.

In another cost-saving move, Apple last week announced the sale of one of its four factories to a contract manufacturer.

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Davis defense unveiled: admit guilt

Attorney says only sexual molestation charge will be contested

Associated Press

An attorney defending the man accused of killing Polly Klaas unveiled his strategy for the first time Wednesday — he admitted his client is guilty.

Deputy Public Defender Barry Collins said he would contest only one issue — that Richard Allen Davis sexually molested the 12-year-old in addition to murdering her.

"I won't be asking you to acquit Mr. Davis," Collins said in a brief opening statement. "We won't be offering any excuses for what Mr. Davis did, but we will be asking you

to convict Mr. Davis of what the evidence shows."

Collins' candid admission that "the evidence in this case will be overwhelming that (Davis) did in fact kill Polly Klaas," came as a surprise to the girl's family.

"I was really blown away by that," Polly's father, Marc Klaas, said outside the courtroom. "Good Lord, 2 1/2 years and millions of dollars and it turns out that they're going to admit that he did it anyway."

Collins suggested outside the courtroom that the admission was part of an attempt to keep Davis off death row — a guilty verdict on

the sex charge could have an emotional impact on jurors, he explained.

Davis, a 41-year-old parolee whose violent record sparked California's "three strikes" law, is charged with murder, kidnapping and robbery among other things. He was not charged with sexual assault, but was charged with attempted lewd acts with a minor.

Davis faces the death penalty or life without parole if convicted of murder and kidnapping — even without the sex charge.

Police say they have a lengthy videotaped confession Davis pro-

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vided before leading them to Polly's body on Dec. 4, 1993.

In his opening statement Tuesday, prosecutor Greg Jacobs quoted Davis as telling police that he was high on drugs and alcohol at the time of the kidnapping, and

that if he had assaulted her he didn't want to remember.

Jacobs described how Polly's body was found with a flannel nightgown and a miniskirt pushed above her waist.

Inspections for fungus readied as crop nears harvest

PHOENIX (AP) — A fungus spotted during a routine seed inspection has prompted a government mobilization at a cost of millions of dollars to prevent the problem from spreading out of the Southwest.

Before harvesting of Arizona's 160,000 acres of wheat begins at the end of the month, hundreds of government workers will begin collecting 4,000 samples for microscopic analysis by lab technicians, including university graduate students and biology teachers temporarily hired by the state.

A similar program will be mounted in California's Imperial and Riverside counties where the U.S. Department of Agriculture has ordered wheat quarantines. All of Arizona is under a March 25 wheat quarantine.

The target is Karnal bunt, a fungus that is not harmful to humans or animals but that in concentrations can stunt wheat's growth and produce a fishlike smell that makes the grain unpalatable.

While Arizona's \$47 million wheat crop last year provided only .5 percent of the bushels grown nationwide, much of the state's crop is used for seed elsewhere. The importance of the nation's wheat production and exports led the USDA to give top priority to keeping the disease from spreading to North Dakota and other major wheat-producing states.

The result is a sampling and testing program that will be done by 360 federal and state workers, including 230 temporary state hires. The program will cost the federal government alone \$24.7 million this year.

"This is going to be a five-year program, so there will be more," said Ed Curlett, a spokesman for the USDA's

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Arizona Farm Bureau president

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Karnal bunt task force. "In order to eradicate this disease, we have to be in the eradication mode."

The fungus, named for a city in northern India, has been found in that country along with Afghanistan, Iran and Mexico.

It first was found in the United States on March 4 during a State Agricultural Laboratory inspection for purity and germination of durum wheat seed from a farm near Gila Bend, about 50 miles southwest of Phoenix. The discovery by state plant pathologist Ron Ykema was confirmed by USDA scientists and announced March 8.

Since then, it has been found in wheat across southern Arizona and in parts of California, New Mexico and Texas, apparently as a result of contaminated seed shipped from Arizona.

It's not known how the disease reached Arizona. Mexico has Karnal bunt, but the United States bans wheat imports from Mexico for that reason.

The 4,000 infested acres in four New Mexico counties and two counties in far western Texas were in early stages of growth and were plowed under. The government paid farmers \$300 per acre in compensation, including plow-down expenses.

Plowdown is not an option in Arizona or California, where the crops are closer to harvest and plowing under the wheat would preserve Karnal bunt spores in the soil, Curlett said. "That'd just make it worse. They can live in the soil for five years."

Growers have complained the statewide quarantine imposed March 25 is too stringent, and that the USDA has not dealt with the issue of compensation.

"Many of us are feeling right now that we've found a mosquito in our living room and we're running around with a sledge hammer trying to kill that mosquito. We're doing more damage than good," said Ken Evans, a Somerton farmer who is president of the Arizona Farm Bureau, an industry group.

The quarantine restricts movement of grain, soil and equipment used for harvesting and planting. Wheat can't leave farms without being certified as free of Karnal bunt. Harvesting equipment and workers' clothing must be sanitized before moving between fields, at a cost the Farm Bureau estimates at \$18,290 per farm.

Wheat samples with even one spore will be considered infested under a "zero tolerance" policy, Curlett said.

Menendez brothers spared death

Life without parole for parents' slayings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Erik and Lyle Menendez were spared the death penalty Wednesday for methodically gunning down their wealthy parents 6 1/2 years ago in their Beverly Hills mansion.

The jury recommended life in prison without parole for the killings of record company executive Jose Menendez and his

socialite wife, Kitty. The brothers have already spent over six years in jail.

"Lyle is relieved because he wants to live," said his lawyer, Charles Gessler. "You know life without parole is not something to be looking forward to. So you can't say he is happy, but he is relieved that it was life."

Erik's attorney, Leslie Abramson, was relieved for both brothers.

"On the good side I will say they're both such considerable human beings that they will find a way to be productive," she said.

The eight men and four women jurors deliberated for 13 hours over three days before filing into the courtroom Wednesday with grim faces. The room was gripped with tension as the foreman handed in their written decisions.

The brothers wore shirts and ties, their faces paler than ever. Neither reacted much. Erik sat forward to listen more closely, then leaned back in his chair as the verdicts were completed.

There were separate verdicts for each brother for the killings of each parent. When "life in prison without parole" was read for the fourth time, a large gasp of relief came from the section of the courtroom where members of the Menendez family sat waiting.

District Attorney Gil Garcetti said justice was served, even though the jury didn't recommend the maximum penalty.

"The important thing, I think, to remember here is that the jury has convicted the Menendez brothers of first-degree murder with special circumstances, and as a result of that they will spend the rest of their lives in prison," Garcetti told reporters.

The jury's pronouncement did not end the legal saga for the brothers.

The judge scheduled a hearing July 2 to hear defense motions for a new trial and to pronounce sentence.

While the jury's decision is only a recommendation, the judge does not have the option to impose a death sentence.

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Charles Gessler
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Study: Adults to blame for teen pregnancy

Two-thirds of babies born to teen-age mothers fathered by adult men

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two-thirds of the babies born to teen-age mothers in a new California study were fathered by adult men some four to six years older than the girls, not by fellow classmates as long suspected.

"Most people always assumed a couple of teens fooling around, just idiotic 16-year-olds" were to blame for teen pregnancies, said Mike Males of the University of California, Irvine, whose study appears in Thursday's American Journal of Public Health.

"But these are adult men not in school, not part of the programs and countermeasures that groups have set up to fight teen pregnancy. ... It's a real complicating factor."

U.S. teen-agers give birth to more than half a million babies every year. Learning about the fathers has been a problem. Some 41 percent of the government-collected birth records of teen mothers omit the father's age.

But last summer, the Alan Guttmacher Institute combined birth certificates with an overlooked 1988 federal survey of another 10,000 women to estimate fathers' ages. That study concluded that while 12 percent of the new mothers in 1988 were ages 15-19, just 5 percent of the new fathers were that young.

Now Males has proved those estimates were on target using California birth certificates, because 86 percent of that state's records do list the fathers' ages. He also looked at new mothers as young as 10.

Just 34.5 percent of the infants born to California

mothers ages 10 to 19 in 1993 were to school-age peers.

The rest of the fathers weren't decades older. But 13 percent were at least 25 years old — and the younger the mother, the greater the age gap. Girls in high school had babies with men on average 4.2 years older, while junior-high girls bore children to men on average 6.7 years older.

Among 10 to 14-year-old girls, some 27 percent of the fathers were age 20 to 24.

The study gives scientists the information they need to design pregnancy prevention education for the military or job training programs, "places we haven't thought would need to address the teen pregnancy problem," said Kristin Moore of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

But it also raises questions about whether girls' early sexual experiences are truly consensual, she said. "To be 30 and 24 isn't all that different, but to be 20 and 14 is really different in terms of power and experience and status," she said.

It's hard for a young girl to insist an older man use birth control, agreed Guttmacher Vice President Jacqueline Forest.

"We're asking some real questions about who these guys are" so they can be targeted, she said. For example, adult men in relationships with teen-age girls appear to have lower education and be less likely to hold a job, "able to look attractive to somebody younger while they wouldn't to somebody more their peer," she explained.

San Francisco team finds fourth new planet in six months

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A team of San Francisco State University astronomers have found another planet beyond Earth's solar system, the fourth in six months.

The astronomers made their find after having surveyed about 100 stars located about 30 light years from Earth. The latest planet has a mass about 80 percent as large as Jupiter and is 9 million miles from its star HR3522. It travels around its star every 14.76 days.

"We have found four planets, and that's four percent," professor Geoffrey Marcy said.

"So I would say that four percent of all stars have planets at least as large as Earth. What we don't know is the frequency of planets like Earth. But I would tend to speculate that Earth-like planets are extremely common," Marcy

said.

In searching for planets, the astronomers analyze the spectrum of light from stars to detect any slight, cyclical motions, which are considered responses to the gravitational pulls of orbiting planets.

Marcy, his co-discoverer Paul Butler and a group of students will continue their search in July in Hawaii at the Keck Observatory, home to the world's largest telescope.

The recent finds are creating a "golden age" for scientists who for years have been frustrated by not being able to find planets despite the abundance of stars, said University of California at Santa Cruz astronomer Douglas Lin.

"Now, remarkably, we are starting to be able

to study planets as a group of objects, not just a few individuals around the sun," Lin said.

But scientists still can't figure out why the planets, most likely formed away from their stars, have spiraled in.

Lin suggests that disks of dust and gas that make planets around stars also drag the planets inward. Many such planets may end up falling into their stars.

"Maybe most planets are destroyed shortly after they are born," he said. "It may be like the Serengeti in Africa, where the most dangerous time of life is birth. There may be a very high mortality rate for planets."

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GOP moderates join call for wage hike

Lawmakers say issue certain to reach vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moderate House Republicans broke ranks and joined Democrats calling for an election-year increase in the minimum wage, a vote Sen. Bob Dole and other GOP leaders have tried to prevent.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey said through an aide that he had no plans to schedule the bill for the floor. But with Democrats also clamoring for a vote on a daily basis, other lawmakers and aides in

the GOP leadership said the issue was virtually certain to reach the floor of the House, and conceded it may have enough support to pass.

"All of us believe that people who work a 40-hour work week ought to earn a wage they can live on," said Rep. Jack Quinn, R-N.Y., as he and 13 fellow Republicans unveiled their bill Wednesday.

The proposal would provide for two separate increases of 50 cents an hour, one to take effect 90 days after the bill is signed by President Clinton, and the second boost a year after that.

Clinton and congressional Democrats support a 90-cent-an-hour increase over

two years in the current federal minimum of \$4.25 an hour.

Public opinion polls, including some taken for Republicans, show widespread support for raising the minimum wage. Organized labor favors the proposal, and Democrats have made it a central tenet of their attempt to appeal to workers whose standard of living hasn't kept up in recent years.

In the current, politically charged atmosphere in Congress, Republicans have thwarted all attempts by Democrats to force a vote in the House. Dole, the GOP presidential nominee-in-waiting, has maneuvered mightily in the Senate to

avoid a vote. On Tuesday, he pulled a major immigration bill off the Senate floor when Democrats sought to use it for votes on the minimum wage and Social Security.

"The Republican leadership is stifling the majority of the American people by refusing to raise the minimum wage... (they) won't even allow a vote," Vice President Al Gore charged.

But even as Quinn and other Republicans were holding their news conference, Speaker Newt Gingrich and the GOP leadership were backpedaling on the subject. House sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the leadership

had begun discussions on trying to salvage some political advantage.

One idea, still in the discussion stage, would attach a provision to stiffen enforcement of a 1988 Supreme Court ruling that bars labor unions from using compulsory fees assessed to non-union workers for political purposes.

Gingrich also noted during the day that he had supported a 1989 measure that raised the minimum wage and included a sub-minimum training wage for younger workers. That bill passed with only 37 votes in opposition. Dole also supported the last minimum wage bill to pass Congress.

The Unabomber case

Speculation rises over Kaczynski indictment

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — A federal grand jury convened Wednesday under tight security amid speculation over whether it would indict Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski.

The secret, regularly scheduled meeting was held in a closed-off section of the federal courthouse, which also houses a post office. Those involved are forbidden by federal law from discussing the proceedings.

U.S. Marshal Bill Strizich, stressing he was not privy to what was going on in the grand jury room, said Kaczynski would not appear, whether his case was considered or not.

His attorney, Michael Donahoe, has asked a judge to delay any grand jury proceedings against him, citing the "lynch-mob mentality" caused by government leaks about evidence against the Unabomber suspect.

The judge did not immediately rule, and the grand jury that convened today could begin hearing evidence against Kaczynski. Sources, both in and out of government, have speculated that it will consider only charges involving possession of bomb materials, while a grand jury at a site to be determined by the Justice Department would consider the main Unabom case later.

Kaczynski has been charged with possession of bomb-making materials in his Montana cabin, but not with any of the Unabomber attacks that have killed three people and injured 23 in nine states over the past 18 years.

Donahoe asked U.S. District Judge Charles Lovell to halt prosecution against Kaczynski until a court can decide whether a "lethal media blitz" about evidence collected at the suspect's cabin prevents him

from getting a fair trial.

Donahoe argued that the government "has been intentionally leaking highly prejudicial information," and the disclosures demonstrated a "lynch-mob mentality" that "poisoned the entire population of grand jurors within the United States against Mr. Kaczynski."

The motion also requested a hearing to question Justice Department officials about what they have done to prevent leaks. He also asked Lovell to dismiss a charge of possessing bomb-making materials, and requested the return of hundreds of items taken from Kaczynski's cabin.

Lovell scheduled a hearing Friday to consider whether to pursue Donahoe's request.

Dick Winfield
media lawyer

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tipped off by his suspicious brother, began searching his mountain cabin near Lincoln.

Leaks about the case began appearing as soon as the search began. Most claimed that evidence collected there — such as the original text of the 35,000-word Unabomber manifesto — tied Kaczynski to the bombings.

Should the government contend it is not responsible for the leaks, Donahoe said he will put reporters on the stand and ask them to identify their confidential sources.

"If past practice is an indicator, the effort will be a futile one," said Dick Winfield, who has practiced media law in New York for 30 years. Winfield said Donahoe's intent may be to scare federal officials into believing they may be discovered as sources.

Anti-terrorism bill approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate overwhelmingly approved an anti-terrorism bill Wednesday — two days before the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing — after turning aside Democratic attempts to expand federal law enforcement powers.

The vote was 91-8 on the House-Senate compromise bill that now moves to the House for final congressional action. The House was expected to take up the bill Thursday.

The legislation would limit federal appeals by death-row inmates

and other prisoners and provide for the death penalty in certain international terrorism cases and for killing a federal employee because of the employee's work.

Republicans disagreed among themselves about whether the bill would deter terrorism.

"We have a measure that will give us a strong upper hand in the battle to prevent and punish domestic and international terrorism," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee. But Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla.,

while praising the bill, said the country remains "very open" to terrorism. "Will it stop any acts of terrorism, domestic and international? No," he said, adding: "We don't want a police state."

President Clinton had asked Congress to give law enforcement agencies even broader power to combat terrorism after the April 19, 1995, Oklahoma bombing killed 168 people. Clinton, nonetheless, will likely sign the bill once it is passed by the House, one administration official said Wednesday.

Judge blocks 'Freemen' checks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three people allegedly tied to the anti-government Freeman group were barred by a federal judge from writing bogus checks based on liens against federal employees.

U.S. District Judge William Keller issued preliminary injunction Tuesday against M. Elizabeth Broderick of Palmdale, Adolf Hoch of Loma Linda and Laura Marie Hoey of Moreno Valley.

Keller also said that the three, who were not in court, should get attorneys to represent them.

"I think I've said before that it's ill-advised for the defendants to represent themselves," Keller said. "There does not appear to be any legal moment whatsoever to any of the positions taken by the defendants."

On April 4, Keller issued a temporary restraining order barring the trio from writing more checks. At the time he also issued

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U.S. District judge

a preliminary injunction blocking Broderick from filing any more liens against federal employees.

Liens are usually filed on property or assets owned by debtors to ensure debtors are unable to profit from their sale until a debt is paid.

Broderick's liens, including a \$50 billion lien against the U.S. postmaster general and a postal inspector, directly sue persons. She claims that her liens contributed to Orange County's bankruptcy.

Prosecutors allege that Broderick, Hoch and Hoey have ties to members of the Freeman group, whose leaders are in a standoff with federal agents in Jordan, Mont.

The Freeman are anti-government extremists who contend they are not subject to federal or state law.

Jury awards \$1.3 million in harassment case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Former Concord City Manager Rita Hardin, who said she was sexually harassed by a former mayor and later forced to resign, has been awarded nearly \$1.3 million by a federal court jury.

Tuesday's verdict was a turnabout from a decision by another jury at Hardin's first trial in 1994. That jury found no harassment and awarded Hardin only \$75,000 for lost pay. But U.S. District Judge William Orrick ruled the verdict was against the weight of the evidence and ordered a new trial.

At the retrial, jurors found that former Councilman and Mayor Byron Campbell had harassed Hardin and retaliated against her after she objected. They also found that the city failed to protect Hardin and wrongfully forced her to quit her job.

The city was ordered to pay her \$600,000 for lost wages and other financial losses and \$631,000 for emotional distress. Campbell was ordered to pay \$15,000 for economic damages and \$5,000 for emotional distress.

Hardin testified that Campbell had touched her on the thigh and breast and threatened to have her fired if she didn't issue a report clearing him of allegations of harassing other female employees.

A city-sponsored investigation in 1991 found that Campbell had sexually harassed female city employees, prompting other council members to formally censure him in 1992. Campbell, who is no longer in office, denied any harassment.

Hardin left her \$104,000-a-year job in September 1992 after a dispute over her selection of a new police chief. The city said she quit after losing a power struggle, but Hardin said Campbell used the

issue to force her out.

Richard Whitmore, the city's lawyer, told jurors that Hardin failed to complain about her alleged harassment and apparently did not think other employees' harassment charges were serious when she looked into them. At one point she wrote a memo saying Campbell's behavior had not reached an intolerable level, and she delayed telling employees about a new city policy on sexual harassment, Whitmore said.

After leaving Concord, Hardin got a temporary job in January 1994, then was hired last May as the \$84,000-a-year city manager of South El Monte, a smaller city, said her lawyer, Linda Shostak.

After the verdict, Hardin "feels like she's gotten her career back," Shostak said.

"I think it was essentially the same case" at the retrial, the lawyer said. "The key was the judge's decision to give us another opportunity."

Shostak, who is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees from the losing side, said she would probably submit a bill of more than \$1 million for Orrick's approval.

Campbell's lawyer, Peter Glaessner, said he would appeal both the verdict and Orrick's decision to set the first verdict aside.

"I believe the first jury reached the correct result," Glaessner said. "It's very upsetting," said former Councilwoman Nancy Gore, who was mayor when Hardin left in 1992. "I think her arguments were made out of whole cloth. She ran into difficulty with the council on one issue and couldn't handle it. I can't believe that she was harassed and never informed council members about it."

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Rita Hardin
former Concord city manager

Mexico federal prosecutor killed

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — A former chief prosecutor in the initial investigation of a slain presidential candidate was gunned down Wednesday while jogging in a Tijuana park.

Jose Arturo Ochoa Palacios, 42, was in charge of the federal attorney general's regional office here when Luis Donaldo Colosio was killed March 23, 1994, while campaigning.

Ricardo Groves, chief of homicide for the State Judicial Police, said witnesses saw two young men — one wearing black pants, the other green pants — at the track Wednesday morning. The man in green fired the shots, witnesses told police.

Two of the four bullets from a .45-caliber gun went through his head and two went through his back, Groves said.

"All the shots went clean through him," said Groves, who said Ochoa Palacios's body was riddled with entry and exit holes in his face and neck.

An autopsy conducted by the Tijuana coroner's office confirmed that Ochoa Palacios died from a shot to his head.

No bodyguards were with Ochoa Palacios at the time of the shooting.

The former federal prosecutor was known to work out at the city park in the mornings. On Wednesday afternoon, two large dark spots of blood remained on the six-lane running track and a spent bullet was embedded in the concrete under the rubber surface.

"I've never seen wet blood on the track before," said Rafael Jimenez, 17, who frequently runs

at the park. He peeled back a piece of the rubber to look at the bullet.

State Judicial Police Cmdr. Antonio Torres Miranda said witnesses told police that two men who usually are not at the park in the mornings had been watching Ochoa Palacios for about a week.

Groves refused to discuss a possible motive for the shooting. No arrests had been made.

Ochoa Palacios also was the former administrator of the Mexican postal service for the state of Baja California.

In Mexico City, the government news agency Notimex announced the Attorney General's Office will send a special team to investigate the death of Ochoa Palacios. The group will be headed by a federal district attorney.

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Sports Focus

Results

From April 17

Baseball

◆ The Spartans (23-21) lost to Santa Clara University, 5-3, Tuesday, at Buck Shaw Stadium in a non-conference game.

SJSU outfielder Eric Stevens is batting .333 and leads the team with 35 RBIs.



See Stevens story on page 6.

Softball

◆ Spartans played two games against Stanford, Wednesday, at Stanford. Scores unavailable.

Schedule

For April 18-26

Baseball

◆ CS Fullerton at SJSU, Friday & Saturday, 7 p.m. and 1 p.m., Muni Stadium.
◆ CS Fullerton at SJSU, Sunday, 1 p.m., Muni Stadium.

Softball

◆ SJSU at Loyola Marymount, Saturday, noon, Los Angeles.
◆ SJSU at Cal State Fullerton, Sunday, 1 p.m., Fullerton.

Women's Tennis

◆ SJSU at Saint Mary's, Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Moraga.

Men's Tennis

◆ SJSU does not play until April 26 at the Big West Conference Championships.

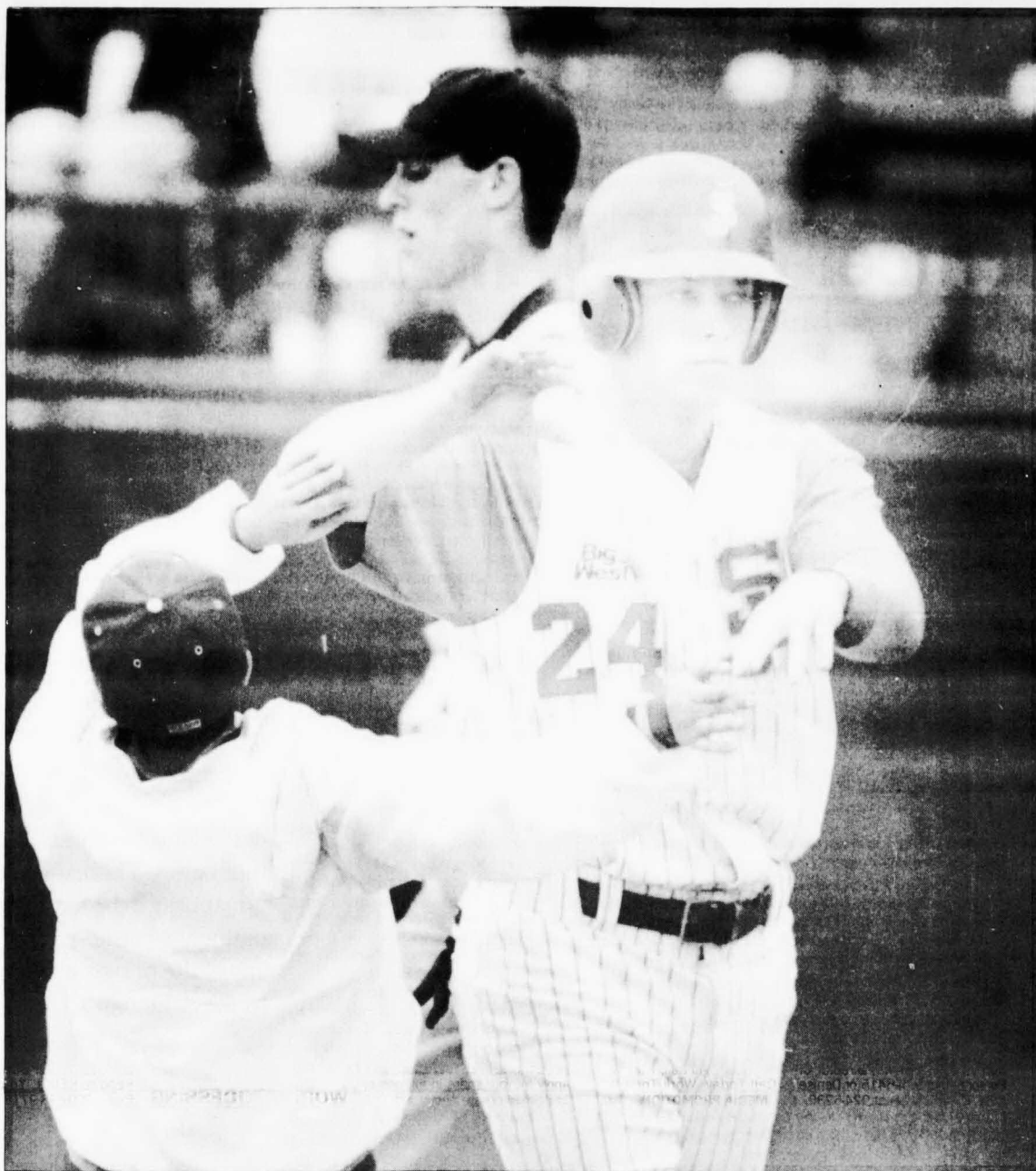
Women's Golf

◆ SJSU heads to Big West Conference Championships, Monday and Tuesday, Ojai, TBA.

Hockey

◆ SJSU hosts PCHA State Championships at the Ice Centre of San Jose, Friday-Sunday.

Picking up the gravy



SJSU outfielder Eric Stevens is batting .333 overall and has been finding himself reaching home plate as he is here more and more as the season has progressed.

Stevens proves critics wrong

By Mike Barton
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Eric Stevens' .333 overall batting average has made him the third best hitter on SJSU's winning team this season, but he doesn't consider baseball his only calling. Saying goodbye to SJSU at the end of this year as a senior, he is enjoying his time on the team.

"They're a great bunch of guys," said Stevens, who lives off-campus with No. 1 overall batter, second baseman Patrick Walsh. "We've gelled together (this season)," referring to their 23-21 overall season record.

"At the beginning of the season, no one picked us (as winners). We're proving a lot of people wrong," he said, adding he enjoys being the underdog.

Stevens also enjoyed a 17-game hitting

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Eric Stevens

SJSU outfielder

streak that ended during spring break.

Having played since he was in the pee-wee leagues, the 21-year-old Stevens has always played baseball, in addition to football and soccer as a high school student in Orange County, Calif. He's happy, "as long as I'm in the game," he said.

Coming to SJSU from Cypress Community College, he has played for the Spartans for two years, last year as third baseman and presently as a left fielder.

"I'm not sure how (coming to SJSU) happened," he said. "I was stuck between a couple of things and chose SJSU."

As a senior this year, he plans to leave the team because of lack of eligibility for scholarship next year. "I'm not transferring for baseball," he said. "I'm going to move home and save some money," and reunite with his girlfriend of three years, admitting "It's kind of tough (being away from her)."

Besides his focus on the baseball team, Stevens takes his studies in business marketing seriously, but admitted, "I'm not doing as good as I would like." He said he

See Stevens, page 7

Going after No. 1 Baseball team takes on challenge

By Francis Ladines
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Baseball coach Sam Piraro said that the task his team faces is similar to when the men's basketball team faced Kentucky.



This weekend, the baseball team will go up against Cal State Fullerton, the No. 1 ranked team in the country and defending national champions.

The games will be played Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. at Muni Stadium.

"It's a tremendous challenge," said Piraro.

The 1995 College World Series Champion, Cal State Fullerton Titans come in with a record of 36-4.

As the basketball team was able to play to the level of their opposition, Piraro said he believes his team will do the same.

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Sam Piraro
SJSU baseball
head coach

"They'll want to go after them," Piraro said. The Spartans have proven they are capable. Last year the Titans suffered only three losses in the Big West Conference last year. SJSU dealt Fullerton one of those losses.

To beat them again, the 23-21 Spartans who have lost their last two games have to do several things.

Defensively, Piraro feels the key is to not get caught up in high scoring games. Fullerton has a potent offense that must be prevented from having a big scoring inning. They must keep the score within the 6-4, 7-5 range, a manageable number to keep them close in a game.

Offensively, the ball must be put in play when batters are down to two strikes. The Spartans also cannot afford to leave any runners on base; they need to convert scoring opportunities.

It all adds up to a formidable task. "The margin for error is very small," Piraro said.

"We have 12 games left. Ten games are against some of the best teams in the United States," he said.

After this weekend's three game series against Fullerton, the remainder of the season is also against tough opponents.

But Piraro is optimistic of what lies ahead. "I expect our team to rise up to the occasion and take it upon themselves to win."

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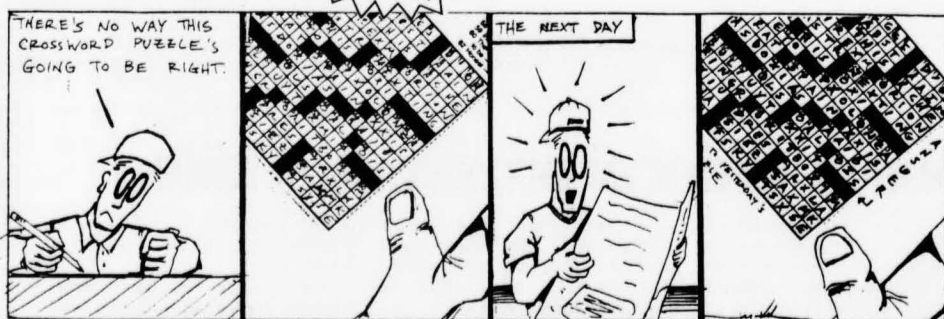
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wants to go into the advertising field, which he recognizes as very competitive.

Living with his teammate Walsh, and surrounding himself with his friends — also mostly teammates —

Stevens said he has found his world a little smaller at SJSU. "Other than baseball, I don't know anyone," he said.

However, he still finds enough recruits from the team to hit downtown San Jose, but "not every night."

He quickly adds to clarify his athletic dedication. "I never have time ... school and baseball takes up my time."

He said he has really enjoyed his time at SJSU, especially this season on the team. He said last year the

team played more as individuals and this year the team comes first — especially to him. "I'll be sad when he goes back. He's a real team player," Walsh said. But he added, "The team comes before Eric."

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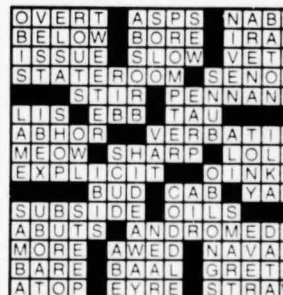
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Galarza remembered

By Jennifer Johnson
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Scholarships totaling \$10,000 were awarded to 15 SJSU students at the Twelfth Annual Ernesto Galarza Symposium and Awards Ceremony last Thursday evening in the Student Union Ballroom.

The symposium highlighted the life of Galarza who migrated to the United States from Mexico at the age of six. He learned to speak English by selling newspapers on street corners. He eventually was asked to speak on the behalf of laborers because of his bilingual skills.

Galarza worked his way through Occidental School, earned a master's degree from Stanford University and a doctorate in Latin-American Affairs from Columbia University.

During his career, he taught at SJSU, Stanford University, University of Notre Dame, University of California, Santa Cruz and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Galarza wrote three books titled "Merchants of Labor," "Spiders in the House and Workers in the Field" and "Farm Workers and Agri-Business in California."

This year's keynote speaker at the event was Jose Antonio Burciago, an artist, writer and activist from CSU Monterey Bay. Burciago co-founded the

\$10,000 awarded in honor labor hero

Chicano comedy group, Culture Clash. His essays were published in newspapers, and he is a former Stanford University student adviser. Burciago was a personal friend of Galarza's and spoke about his life and works.

The recipients and their awards are as follows: Laura Gonzalez, the Cesar Chavez Memorial Scholarship; Lydia Martinez, the Chicano/Latino Faculty and Staff Association Scholarship; Anna Marie Pena, the Dr. Ernesto Galarza Endowment Scholarship; Marisela Delgado and Tamra Samudio, the Dr. George Castro (College of Science) / IBM Scholarship; Concepcion Mosqueda, Tobias Nava and Nothertha Torres, the Pueblo de San Jose Kiwanis Club Scholarship; Juan Moreno and Ruth Aracely Rodriguez, the KDTV "Excito Escolar" Scholarships; Adrian Noe Rodriguez, the GI Forum Scholarship; Elizabeth Espinosa, the Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity Scholarship; Raquel Gonzalez, the Calmecca Project Scholarship.

Mae Galarza, Ernesto Galarza's widow was unable to attend this year due to health problems.

"We really missed her," said Deanna Gonzales, chairperson for the Ernesto Galarza Scholarship Committee.

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representatives from the water district who will give tips on saving water indoors and out.

The final panel, at 3 p.m., features an eco-designer from San Diego who will discuss how to build a sustainable economy. Such

an economy will lessen the impact humans have on the planet.

In the Morris Dailey Auditorium, the "Conserve, Protect, Preserve" guest speakers will begin. Jim Bell, author of "Achieving Eco-Nomic Security In your Region," will speak at 4:30 p.m. on transforming non-sustain-

able economies into ones that are completely sustainable. At 6:30 p.m., Howard Lyman, director of the Humane Society's "Eating with a Conscience" campaign will inform how to eat organically, sustainably, and humanely.

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and Three Mile Island. Also included in the talk are radiation waste standards, such as low level radiation in Ward Valley in Southern California and high

level on Yucca Mountain in Nevada. She will also talk about contaminated waste sites such as Mare Island in the Bay Area and the Lawrence Livermore Lab in Livermore.

"This is for anyone interested in environmental issues, waste storage and standards," Schiavo said. He said the entire campus community is invited to sit in on this event.

Fourth F-14 jet crash creates defense budget questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Another Navy F-14 fighter went down Wednesday, this one in southeastern Virginia, a day after Navy officials assured lawmakers they are on top of a chronic safety problem besetting the twin-engine plane.

The Navy F-14 crashed in a woods and exploded at Oceana Naval Air Station near Virginia Beach, Va. Witnesses saw two people eject from the plane and parachutes open, WAVY-TV in Virginia Beach reported. A pilot and radar intercept officer were aboard the jet, Lt. Carla McCarthy said. Their condition was not immediately known.

It marked the fourth F-14 crash this year. Three previous crashes have resulted in seven fatalities.

The crash came hours after President Clinton boarded the USS Independence moored off Tokyo today. Following congressional hearings Tuesday on a rash of military crashes, House Speaker Newt Gingrich wrote to Clinton urging him to consider the advanced age of the warship and the F-14s on its deck.

"Please take a moment to fully survey the carrier and its aircraft," Gingrich wrote in a letter to Clinton dated Tuesday. Noting that the carrier, launched in 1958, is the oldest in the Navy, Gingrich added that "the F-14s on board are nearly two decades old." As crash investigations continue, he said, "we can't discount the role that aging equipment might play in this disturbing trend."

"We must ask if there are things the services could have done to improve the safety of these aircraft but were unable to do because of a lack of modernization resources."

Duncan Hunter
House National
Security panel
chairman

Top Navy and Marine Corps officials said at the hearing that they are revamping pilot training and improving equipment on fighter planes but can spend only so much.

Gingrich urged Clinton to endorse the view voiced in testimony by members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who have said the Pentagon should reach a weapons procurement budget of \$60 billion by 1998. Under Clinton's plan, that level of weapons spending won't be reached until 2001.

The Gingrich letter was politically barbed on two fronts: It suggested that Clinton's declining defense budgets may be partly responsible for fatal crashes, and it pointed up a split between Clinton's civilian defense advisers and the top uniformed military.

At a hearing Tuesday of the House National Security procurement subcommittee, Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., the panel chairman, said, "We must ask if there are things the services could have done to improve the safety of these aircraft but were unable to do because of a lack of modernization resources."

Investigations have found that pilot error was an ingredient in two out of three recent F-14 crashes. And Defense Secretary William Perry argues that despite the rash of crashes, overall military air safety has been steadily improving.

Anti-affirmative action reaction

Discussion to examine California initiative

By Heather L. Haas
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU students will have the opportunity to learn about and discuss California's anti-affirmative action initiative and how it will affect minorities in higher education on Monday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Loma Prieta Room of the Student Union.

The proposal, labeled the California Civil Rights Initiative, would end affirmative action programs statewide.

This initiative, which is backed by Gov. Pete Wilson, was cleared Tuesday to go on the ballot for California's Nov. 5 election.

If the initiative passes, it would be illegal to use gender or race-based considerations for hiring, contracting and admissions at all state agencies, which would include the California State University system.

The University of California Board of Regents adopted a similar proposal last summer for the University of California system.

Monday's discussion will feature Dolores Gallegos, vice president of the California Chapter of the League of United Latino American Citizens (LULAC) and Lola Lerma, council president of the Kings County LULAC Chapter. The speakers will provide information on the initiative and will explain how it affects minority students, said Salvador Flores of Gamma Zeta Alpha, one of the groups sponsoring the discussion.

The Mexican American studies department and the African American studies department are also sponsoring the event.

Gamma Zeta Alpha sponsors one guest speaker each semester, focusing on a topic that is relevant to students.

"We are just trying to bring information and knowledge to students on sensitive issues that affect us," Flores said.

Flores also said he hopes there will be a good turnout Monday because of the importance of the initiative.

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barely made quorum with only six voting members, Wilson said.

"We had six students representing 20,000 today," he said.

Wilson said he was angry that earlier in the semester his attendance record was being challenged and that there was even a vote to throw him off the board which failed.

"Fedor (Denelle Fedor, California State affairs director) said there was no reason to miss a meeting, since then she has missed two," Wilson said.

Wilson said there is always more that should be done, but they are doing their best.

Charell said students on campus are not being represented in A.S. "A.S. is similar to any governing body; it's out of touch with the needs of the students it represents."

"I did receive an impersonal and insensitive memo from one board member," Devine said in her letter, "after the fact, stating that the allocation he recommended was 'obvious' and assumed that it should have been 'obvious' to me also."

Devine also said, "I would also like the board to not approach things negatively — as in finding how many ways we can break and get around the bylaws and education code — but proceed more positively by changing what does not work."

Devine took over the director of business affairs position for Olivia Nuñez after she was removed from A.S. board earlier in the year for not showing up to meetings. James De La Cruz, former A.S. Controller, became ineligible because of academic reasons in March. Wil Cason also resigned earlier in the year.

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Any options to bail out were lost, he said.

"I was frightened because I realized that I had no options but just to see whether the tank would stop. I was in the middle of a packed crowd and the tank kept moving. If it had not stopped, I would have been crushed. It stopped."

Zevelev said the tank stopped about one meter from him.

The military personnel emerged from the tank and once eye contact was made between the crowd and the young soldiers, it was clear that they were safe.

"They were not professional killers, (rather) young guys drafted into the army. I was relieved," he said.

Zevelev said that it is important for American students to be exposed to an unusual perspective from another historical background.

He said it is equally important for American professors to teach Russian students in Russia. This exchange, he said, is already happening.

When citizens versus governments interact with each other it is a small part of public diplomacy and it is very important, he said.

Zevelev said he is aware of his responsibility as a member of the international community.

People will perceive Russia, international relations and human rights through his perspective and he said he wants to communicate thought provoking views that maybe were not considered before.

"This is a very big responsibility," he said.

He said what he will miss about SJSU and the Santa Clara valley is the diverse and dedicated student body and California's green hills.

"I like America very much," Zevelev said.

"At the same time, it is imperative (that) I go back to Russia on a regular basis," he said.

His physical presence in Russia and contact with high level Russian political officials and intellectuals impacts his ability to communicate and interpret the Russian perspective to Americans, he said.

But home is where his heart is; this emotional attachment, despite enjoying his job and the people in America, is in Moscow, he said.

"I have many relatives and friends there. At least now, immigration is not an option," Zevelev said.

In June, he will teach a summer course titled, "Russian Foreign Policy," at the University of California, Berkeley, immediately followed by a return trip home to Moscow.

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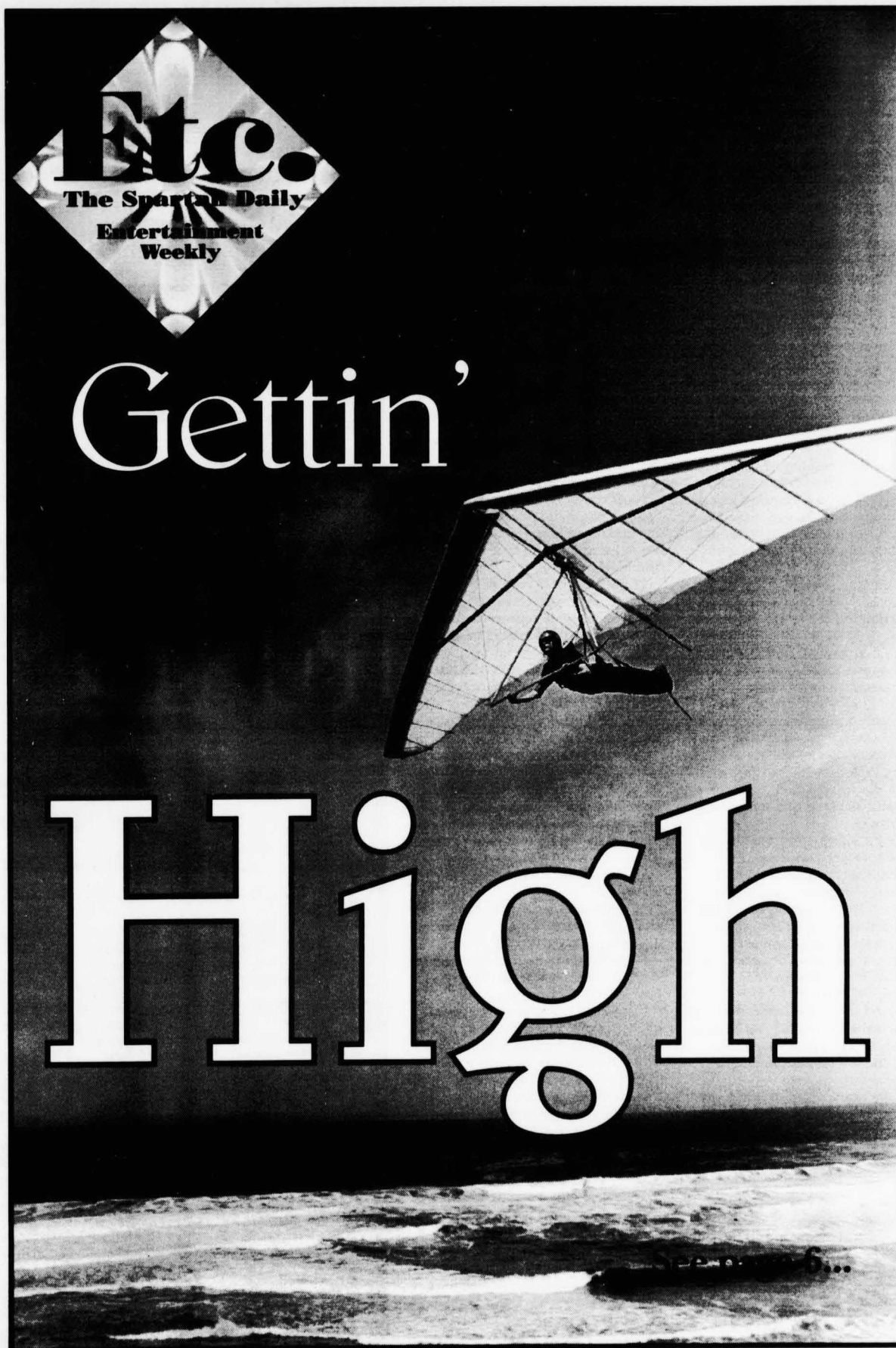
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Telling stories

Text by • Shawna Glynn, Etc. Editor

I can't say I'm much of a thrill seeker. In fact, I can't say I'm a thrill seeker at all.

I squirm in the car seat when I am a passenger and the driver is speeding. I can't seem to wipe the thought of collision off my mind. I imagine my arms and legs mangled around a telephone pole; blood spilling onto the roadway. The rest of my body is ripped into pieces and flung all over the wreckage site. It's a gruesome picture, but the image comes to mind each time I hop in a friend's car and the friend is in a hurry.

No one can even imply that I'm a thrill seeker, not even those who know me.

I went on a camping trip with some friends not long ago. I thought about the trip for months. I couldn't wait to bungee jump over the American River; I couldn't wait to river raft—ride the rapids. I couldn't wait to sleep under the stars.

The night we arrived at the campsite, I realized just how chicken I was. While setting up the tent, I felt a long, fat, jet-black spider crawling on my leg. I screamed so loud all my friends began screaming, too. Once I jumped, twisted and contorted my body every which way I could, my friends settled me down. I hadn't really felt a spider at all. It was only my friend's dog. The dog liked to lick people's legs.

I didn't sleep in the tent that night. I slept in the car. It wasn't the most comfortable sleeping quarter, but it was fairly bug-safe.

The next morning we took to the river. Such a lovely day it was. I felt confident that river rafting would be a breeze and I was quite right. No real fears there. Then came bungee jumping. We tied up our rafts, ran up to a bridge and secured our bungee ropes. Everyone was excited. The water below looked almost thirst quenching; so refreshing.

We stood up on the ledge, prepared to jump. If the rope broke, we knew we would be safe. The water was deep enough; the bridge wasn't really too high up from the water.

Still, my heart began to beat loud and fast. I felt sweat dripping from my forehead. I felt sweat beads form above my upper lip. I could smell my own death in the air.

I imagined myself jumping. At first I

saw my body bouncing so hard and so violently that the bones in my body began to crack and shatter. Then inevitably, the bungee chord snapped. The deep water wasn't so deep after all. In fact the water was so shallow, my skull popped open exposing my brains, after slamming into rocks below.

The reality of this actually happening prevented me from jumping off the bridge. Everyone else experienced this "revelation" except me. Everyone survived it with lots of stories to tell.

I thought I would finally be adventurous when my husband and I went to Maui on our honeymoon. We bought a snorkel trip for two.

We woke up early, and arrived at the port in time to sit on board and converse with the deck hands. They gave us a crash course on snorkeling, explaining just how simple it was. "You'll love it," exclaimed John the deck hand. "If we're lucky, we'll get to see a sand shark."

I got a horrible case of the hiccups as the boat set sail. Once at our snorkeling destination, others on the boat jumped in without hesitation. My husband helped me onto my boogie board and guided me away from the boat. I clung onto my boogie board for dear life. My husband left me despite my fear and went about his exploration of the underwater world.

Afraid, I was. Many of the tropical fish were larger than the board I floated on. I kept my head dipped in the water and watched them swim all around me. At first I was terrified but after a half and hour of floating in one place and swatting at fish as they approached me, I felt a bit more comfortable.

My husband swam up to me. "You wanna see a sand shark?" he asked.

Panic.

"Honey, it will be fine. They are nice sharks, bottom dwellers. They won't hurt you."

I gave my husband the evil eye (I wanted to give him the finger) and kicked my way back to the boat.

My husband reveled in the fact he got to actually swim with a shark. I wish I had had the guts. He said it was quite a thrill. But I'm just not too hip on thrills. In fact, they scare me to death!

Etc.

Cover: John Borton, who has compiled more than 3,000 hours hang gliding, soars over the dunes at Marina State Beach, located 10 miles north of Monterey Bay. The offshore winds deflect off the dunes causing an uplifting effect that makes the location ideal for the sport.

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The timeless menagerie by Tennessee Williams

Text by **Lindy Boisvert**

Bubbling from the seams of the modest community center was the energy and talent of the actors who portrayed the characters in the Tennessee Williams classic, "The Glass Menagerie."

The humble Olinder Theatre was an entirely appropriate location for exhibiting the feelings the play evokes. The set was as carefully simple as the set from the 1970s sitcom "All in the Family." It suits the situation so adequately that it becomes nearly invisible to the viewers. The actors "live" easily in such a setting, roaming through the single room as though they have walked its halls since their characters were born.

A dusty blue over-stuffed chair and an old gold damask sofa display the idea of expired dignity. The colors of the set have been diluted and appear to have faded with age as has Amanda Whitfield.

On one side of the room is the ever-luminous portrait of the estranged father and husband, grinning at the family. On the other side sits Laura's glass.

This glass menagerie sat on a crystal cake platter, almost waiting to be broken. Laura would go to it whenever a moment became too unpleasant. This was Laura's internal retreat. Next to this was Tom's retreat: the fire escape.

Faux brick walls and the warm yellow glow of a false window gave the illusion of being outside of the apartment. Under this make shift fire escape were old tin trash cans creating images of an alleyway. Each time Tom was out on this "veranda," the jazz bar across the alley spewed music in his direction.

The soft lighting smoothed the wrinkles of time from the stage and successfully gave the illusion of a soft memory.

Memory is where the play happens; Tom's haunting memories. Eric Boyd narrated the play as Tom, one of the play's four characters. His only flaw in acting a believable part was that Tom was a heavy smoker, and Boyd never



Photo by Ana Grover • Courtesy of Northside Theatre Company

actually inhaled; he held the smoke in his mouth and spit it out in one puff rather than in the steady stream following a deep inhale.

The subtle nuances and individual peculiarities of the characters in this day-in-the-life play propel the viewer to feel for them in a way that runs deep; almost personal. They each suffer from their own unique ailment and do what they think is best to remedy their situations.

Diane Tasca gave a brilliant performance as Amanda. The gentleman caller, played by Eddie Walker, portrayed the epitome of a 1940s former high school hero still pathetically clinging to his past fame.

Laura, played by Lauren Ferdinand, was so intensely dedicated to her role as Laura that tears streamed down her cheeks when the final "... and so, goodbye," was uttered. In fact, the entire audience of 11 was close to tears when the candles were blown out.

Because actors were finishing other productions, director David Gassner had only about four weeks to create the ensemble that is performing. Luckily, this group of actors is very experienced, he said.

Usually Gassner said he tries to take on a new approach to each production he directs; this time he avoided such variation.

"What I did differently was to try to do it as traditionally as possible," said Gassner.

The language is so poetic, that to sit back and let it flow in the direction it was written allows it to move to its own rhythm. It dances beautifully without assistance.

I recommend that students take the time to experience this classic at the Olinder Theatre. The cast does a wonderful job giving life to the words that are timeless.

The production was presented by the Northside Theatre Company. They have been producing plays since 1979. Tickets are \$9. The play runs 8 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays and 3 p.m. Sundays.

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The quaint little Pygmalion film seems innocent enough; however, it so obviously reinforces the false idea that money buys happiness. In the case of Mrs. Winterbourne, this idea runs rampant.

Ricki Lake plays 18-year-old Connie Doyle who gets knocked-up by a really scummy guy, Steve DeCunzo (Loren Dean). After being ridiculously blown off, she finds herself pregnant, alone, penniless and homeless.

Luckily (and unbelievably), she meets an inhumanely

nice young couple on a train she somehow mistakes for her subway car. After the train derails, her identity is mistaken by a wealthy family who thinks she is their daughter-in-law whom they have never seen.

These fine folks are the Winterbournes.

She charms them into loving her quirky self although she hadn't had much luck with charm in her prior life. In fact, it is lack of charm that had her in her position in the first place. She snaps at nurses; she snaps at servants, but this is taken as delightfully refreshing?

Even the cynical son, Bill (Brendan Fraser) gets won over easily after Connie undergoes the ubiquitous Pygmalion makeover. He had even called her "white trash." Along with the wardrobe she bought some class?

She slides into a more glamorous image easily and loses her slang and bad manners with nary a lesson. After a quick Tango and a walk downtown, Bill asks for her hand in marriage. OK, that may happen.

As the audience tries to swallow all that has happened thus far, Steve comes back into the picture. She is in another state, and even though he thinks she is dead, he happened to see her photo in People magazine, and wants a piece of the action. That's plausible. Oh, OK. The plot thickens—like chicken broth.

After struggling to make sense of the hogwash, wondering why the film was even made is the next big dilemma. It's a take on "My Fair Lady," although Lake has nothing on Audrey Hepburn. It spins from "Pretty Woman," but Julia Roberts makes the transition from rags to riches more smoothly, and less annoyingly. It's been done. What possible purpose could it serve other than that of further separating the poor, portrayed as ugly, sneaky and immoral from



Photo by Bruce Macanlay • Courtesy of Tri Star Pictures

the rich who are always clean, happy and well-bred?

The film had to totally immerse the characters in stereotypes in order to make them believable with the amount of valid dialogue they were given. The villain was grimy and his girlfriend was always in smutty black lace teddies. The "prince charming" was impeccably dressed, witty, cute and charming.

Other than these "minor" problems with the film, it was flecked with bits of humor that kept it a bit lighthearted. But, the deceit of the situation was ever present. It got old. Tell them already! She had several chances to come clean, but never did. Luckily, again, for her, when she finally did spill the beans, no one cared. They had such a laissez-faire attitude that it was barely even a major part of the film. Never mind that the poor girl she was masquerading as was buried somewhere under another name. That's no biggie. She softens the blow with a "woe is me" speech about wanting what's best for the baby. They buy it hook, line and sinker. Heck, I wouldn't care.

If it hadn't been for Shirley Maclaine and Miguel Sandoval who played Grace Winterbourne and butler Paco respectively, the film would not even tread water. The superb acting by these two make up for what their characters lack in personality, and they make up for what the other characters lack in personality and what the film lacks in content.

The film gains nothing by being shown on the big screen. So, if seeing is believing for some folks, wait for the video.

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A walk through Czech history in Prague



"Summer in post-communist Prague: diners and strollers enjoy a warm evening in Old Town Square."

Text and photos by Leslie Farmer

I walked down from the Mala Strana district one day late in July, past rose and yellow Baroque buildings with frescoes and Renaissance statues twice life size, aiming myself at Manesuv Bridge and the Vltava River.

I wanted to visit a square the city tour had brushed by with a fleeting mention. Even on my map, it took a bit of questioning, circling and peering to locate something not very large or conspicuous.

The square, housing the Philosophy Faculty of Karlova University, was one that had officially been renamed in 1990. Once Red Army Square, a year after Czechoslovakia's bloodless revolution, it had regained the name it had held for a few days in 1969: Jan Palach Square.

Twenty years earlier, the Prague spring reforms that had begun to liberalize the country two decades after a Communist takeover were withering under the Warsaw Pact troops. The soldiers who had invaded the country in August of 1968 showed no signs of leaving. Alexander Dubcek's hopeful promise of "Communism with a human face" was becoming more and more a paling memory.

On a January afternoon in 1969 Jan Palach, a 20-

year-old philosophy student, poured gasoline over his clothes and set himself on fire on the steps of the National Museum. He was the first to draw the death lot in a student group dedicated to reversing the country's slide into despair with a terrible method, a series of public suicides by fire.

He survived for three days, with enough intervals of consciousness for his doctor to bring him news of a country aroused from despair and shocked into unity. The Central Committee was inundated with resolutions supporting the demands of his group of volunteers. More than 800,000 mourners followed his coffin to the Olsanske cemetery.

I was three years older than Palach at the time, a student living in Beirut. I had written some verses about him; going to Prague for the first time, I remembered and brought them along. They joined a bouquet of flowers and leaves, desiccated by the summer heat, that someone had put behind a bronze replica of his death mask. The sculptor Oibram Zoubec had cast in secret; it was now fixed to a wall of the Philosophy Faculty, the heraldic lion of Czechoslovakia in low relief behind it.

I wondered if Palach would have been pleased with what was happening in Prague now, with what had gained crucial momentum in 1989 when the Philosophy Faculty was a headquarter for students bent on national change. Vaclav Havel, soon to be the country's president, had been arrested yet again that year for observing a memorial ceremony for Palach. Come back and be young again, I thought, in a new body; take a look around, and this time you may not have to set yourself alight.

Broad new streets and cobbled old ones punctuated by the characteristic sound of someone practicing classical piano music took me past the Old New Synagogue in Josefov Quarter, the oldest synagogue in Europe. The nearby Old Jewish Cemetery, with its 20,000 graves in one square block, looked like a warehouse of gravestones. Disused, ruinous, leaning against each other under the dark foliage of elders, they recalled the deportation of most of the Jews of Bohemia by the occupying Nazis. The "show camp" of Terezin 30 miles from Prague had been, for most, a way station for Auschwitz or Buchenwald.

I had not yet found anything I wanted as a memorial of the city, so passing through a couple of construction sites, I surreptitiously helped myself to a white cobblestone and a dark gray one.

If God was in the details, I thought, Prague had to be one of the holy cities of Europe: all was detail, variation, unscathed by the bombing that had devastated other European capitals. Look at a line of ornamental heads on a building; it is not the same head repeated eight times but eight different ones.

This could translate to fussiness, but doesn't. Walking through Prague's architecture was like reading a great book hundreds of years old with authors writing in many hands, all intelligible, all on one subject. But the writing was not in small marks on paper but all around one, in great and small scale, in light and shadow borrowed from the day and season.

A short distance from Josefov was Staromeste Namesti, Old Town Square. Its cobbled center held a statuary group in memory of Jan Hus and his followers. A reformist priest and onetime president of Palach's Karlova University, he preached in Czech against the German-dominated political and religious establishment. When he was burned for heresy in 1415, his death was followed by civil war.

The wide square around the statues was bordered by Baroque palaces of the old nobility and by burghers' houses that now had restaurants on their ground floors. The Catholic church of Our Lady of Tyn, the Hussite Protestant church of St. Nicholas and the town hall with its extraordinary astronomical clock, whose moving human figures drew crowds each hour, raised high spires around the square's periphery.

Both the old and the newer wars, invasions, and martyrdoms seemed far off under the still-light sky of summer evening, with festive crowds and outdoor diners under constellations of bright umbrellas. I sat down for a huge tumbler of Czech beer, and added some rye bread and sweet Prague ham to batten down my head after the beer and several hours' walk in the heat.

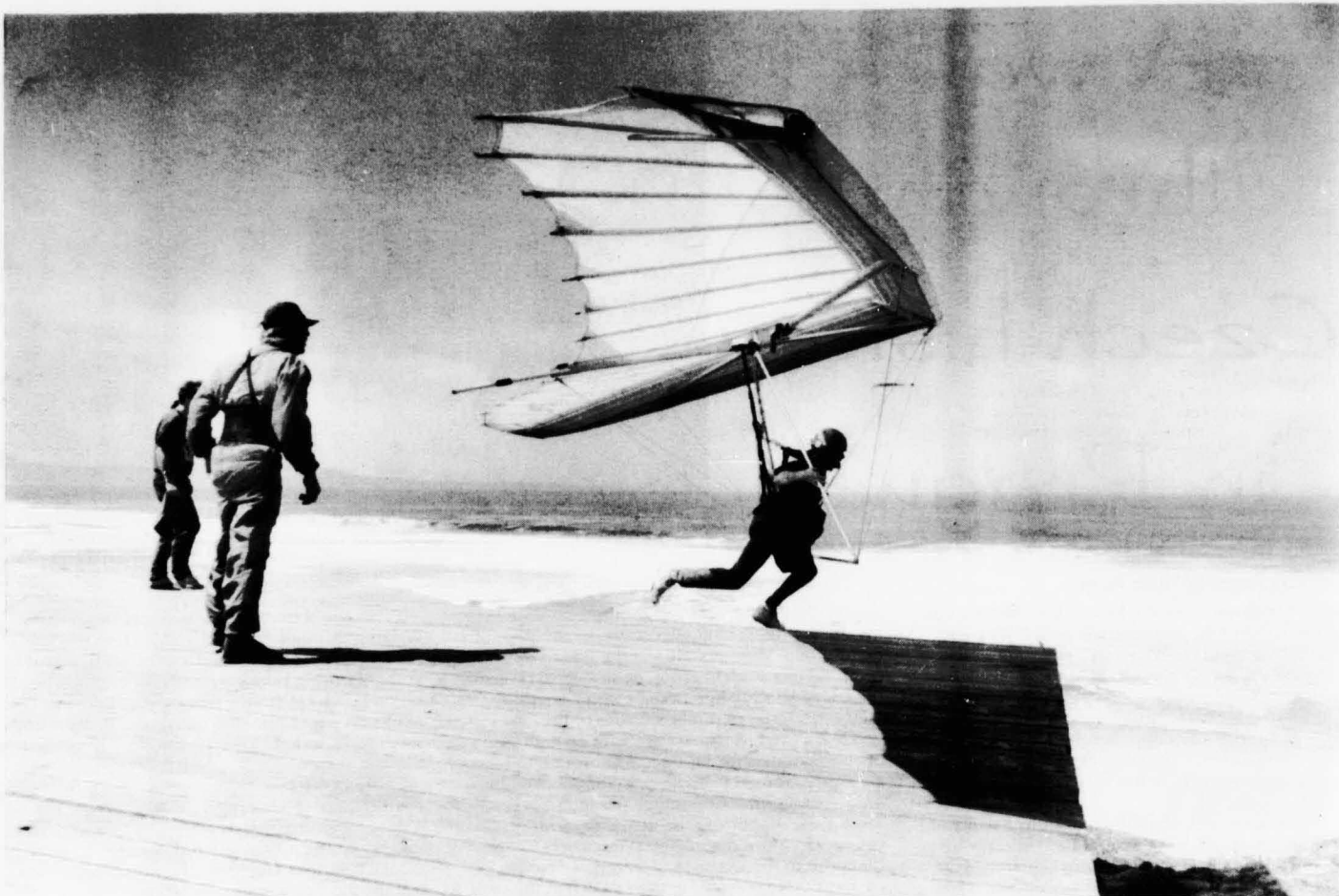
Early in the morning before I caught the train to Hungary, I walked up the hill behind my hotel to Hradcany Castle for a last view of the whole city. The complex that has held the government of Bohemia since the ninth century was guarded even at that hour by the immobile, maiden-faced young soldiers in their pale blue summer uniforms. Prague in the morning fog looked lovelier than I had ever seen it. I wondered if Hus and Palach had had this same view many times before they met their terrible ends; it seemed a city well worth dying for.

I thought that I might go by the informal memorial to Palach in Wenceslaus Square, but as it turned out I didn't have time. As I began to leave the city I craned out the cab's window to catch every curve of every Baroque and Rococo structure, every vine-like bit of wrought metal and door of intricately carved wood, every not-yet-visited garden behind high walls. I thought of the enterprise and hope abroad in the city with the summer greenery.

Etc.



"The flowing curves of 18th century Baroque architecture set the tone for Prague's historic sectors."



Friends watch as certified hang glide instructor John Borton launches his hang glider from the launch deck at Western Hang Gliders located on Marina State Beach. This is a popular area to learn the sport because crashing on the sand is a lot more forgiving than crashing on dirt or rocks.

To infinity and beyond

Text by William Jeske • Photos by Steve Keegan



Dan Fairchild yells "Thanks for the lift" to the pilot seconds before completing his 3,000th skydive. The average skydive from 15,000 feet lasts about one minute; thirty seconds of free fall and thirty seconds with the parachute open.

Why jump out of an airplane for no practical reason? What benefits come from attaching bungee cords to your ankles and leaping from daunting heights? Why climb a rock when there are other ways to get to the top?

"Because it's there!"

That's the common excuse thrill seekers give when confronted with their seemingly foolhardy obsessions.

"People just like high intensity in their lives," said Wiggy Sivertsen, SJSU director of counseling services.

Though the above activities can get the pulse racing, they aren't the only things one can do for thrills.

"There are lots of things we can do daily," Sivertsen said. Things like breaking personal records, setting goals and then meeting them. Goals like reading a novel in less time than the previous one.

Another could be doing better on a test

than on the one before.

Thrill seekers are anyone, even the most passive. Thrill seekers don't have common temperaments or personality traits. But patterns are prevalent in specific activities.

Thrills which are high-intensity, such as skydiving, downhill skiing, and surfing, are usually sought by people who are already "high-strung," said thrill seeker Larry Harack.

An essential element of what makes an activity so enticing to thrill seekers is the degree of danger.

"People want to prove that they can do it," Sivertsen said. "People who were raised in a repressive home may rebel against their upbringing." An example would be children who weren't allowed to swing too high on a swing set or climb too high in a tree may rebel by seeking activities in which height and the defiance of gravity

are prominent.

For active thrills, the two main ingredients that make an activity so satisfactory are danger and speed.

Leaping from an airplane and seeing the earth closing in on a collision course with you...

Trusting your life with elastic cords attached to your ankles as you topple over a ledge...

Placing yourself in a large Erector set on wheels hurling you at speeds faster than you'd go on a freeway...

P. J. O'keefe of Bay Area Sky Diving in Byron, Calif., said skydiving is "the second most fun thing you'll do in your life." The first is a secret best kept undercover.

Regarding speed, it doesn't matter if you're going vertically or horizontally. Both directions have a "zone" in which skydivers and race car drivers find themselves when reaching their respective activities' optimum velocity.

"It's a different time frame; everything happens at a different rate of speed. You're in a different state of being," said Kevin Pylant, who races sprint cars (which can reach speeds up to 140 mph).

Though danger is an essential element for thrills, Pylant said that safety doesn't sully the effect. With thrills, fear and danger are mutually exclusive. "(For racing) the thrill is in the winning; the competition," he said.

O'keefe said that some parachutes are equipped with an Automatic Activation Device. If a jumper doesn't pull the parachute's ripcord, the AAD will unfurl it automatically when the jumper's altimeter reaches a certain altitude.

The rush that comes with speed can also be felt in rather passive thrills, such as rock climbing.

Diane Russel, co-owner of the indoor climbing gym Pacific Edge in Santa Cruz, said that the thrill climbers feel when scaling rocks or artificial walls is that the activity is "a full-body experience." Rock climbing requires the climber to use intensive problem-solving while using every limb independently.

Thrills aside, different activities have different benefits. Action thrills apparently give one a lasting sense of self-confidence. Thrills in which speed is a part results in person feeling like they can take on anything.

Passive thrills' benefits can carry over into one's non-climbing activities, such as work and school.

Regardless, thrills are sought because people need to prove they can overcome self-imposed obstacles.

"People have a natural fear of falling," Russell said. She also said that we naturally operate with a bottom-to-top focus to solving problems.

Surprisingly, O'keefe said a jumper's second jump is more frightening than the first. "In the first jump you're just in total shock. The second time you go up is scary because you're asking yourself 'Why am I doing this again?'"

Because rock climbing is a passive thrill in which the participant is in more control of progress, Russell said that free soloers (climbers who climb without safety equipment like hooks and cables) have a more highly developed sense of focus and dedication since the danger of falling far enough for serious injury or death is greater.

Whether a thrill is short-lasting and fast, like skydiving and bungee cord jumping, or longer, like climbing or hang gliding, Sivertsen and Harack agreed that most thrill seekers "level out" when they've met a personal goal.

"Some people are content with what they've done," Sivertsen said. Some thrill seekers are satisfied with diving from a set



John Borton gazes at the spectacular view while giving a tandem ride to our photographer. Tandem rides and lessons are available through Western Hang Gliders, located near Monterey bay.

altitude or conquering a particular rock.

The "been there, done that" maxim isn't a complaint of most thrill seekers.

In all of his 3,300 jumps "I've never had a boring jump yet," O'keefe said.

For thrill seekers who just can't get enough, the passive thrill seekers have better luck at new challenges.

"Sky divers can only dive from a ceiling height. They may try diving over new terrain but the ride is still the same," Harack said.

Rock climbers can always find new rocks to climb.

Industrious thrill seeking climbers will try to find a rock that hasn't been climbed by anyone before and will revel in the challenge of trail blazing a rock for future climbers.

Though many rocks have already been climbed, Russell said thrills can still be found for climbers already familiar with a rock if they climb it again with new equipment.

Sivertsen said that thrills can be found anywhere. " (For a teacher) to watch students 'get' something (being taught) is as thrilling as racing."



John Borton soars over fellow instructor and roommate Donn Denman as he flies 500 feet above the ground. Borton, who built his first hang glider when he was 11 out of bamboo and plastic, says the sport has become a lot more sophisticated in recent years, making it much safer than it once was while retaining the same thrill.

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John Borton and fellow instructor Donn Denman laugh as a passer-by describes his eyewitness account of Borton flipping his hang glider over as he attempted a difficult downwind landing.



Sewing their seeds



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Text by Russell Hall

Tired of hearing bands who express themselves through pissed off lyrics and come across as being mad at the world? You might want to check out the sounds of The Mustard Seeds.

From Southern California, The Mustard Seeds are comprised of guitarists George Bernhardt and Doug Bossi, bassist Matt Bissonette and drummer Jorge Palacios. Much like the Beatles, each member of The Mustard Seeds shares in the tasks of vocals, songwriting and the logistics of the band.

It was Bissonette and his brother Gregg who first formed the band in 1993 after hooking up with Bossi from Austin, Texas. In the early days of its existence, the band was financed by the alter-ego cover band called The Grateful Dudes.

Palacios is the only band member who hails from Southern California and explained that this fact could be the reason why the band features such a variety of songs.

Although relatively unknown, The Mustard Seeds are not inexperienced. Their debut album is just a cross-section of the 70 songs these songwriters have under their belts.

The 11 songs on the compact disc features a number of songs with melodic soothing stanzas interlaced with chord-ripping choruses. Songs that are a little solemn lyrically are balanced out with

joyful music.

In contrast to most heavy alternative bands who sell records by singing about the ills of the world, The Mustard Seeds come from a different angle.

"We are beat on this whole pissed-off thing," Palacios said. "I hate being pissed."

The band's "avowed aim" for the debut album is to combine vocal flair with instrumental ferocity. This is best captured in their song "Cats and Dogs." In this lively song, the band electronically alters their voices to sound like they are singing underwater, mixing it with a chorus that simply rocks.

Every song on the disc is multi-layered, with most songs featuring twangy, almost eerie bass chords in the background. This background sound really adds to the music.

Nowhere on the compact disc do you find yelling and screaming, synonymous with today's alternative sound. Another pleasant feature is understandable lyrics, a rare occurrence nowadays.

The lyrics tell stories and give the listeners anecdotes about life. The album's lead song, "Mr. Green" tells of a story of a man whose son was killed. It relates how the man has a hard time forgiving society for his loss. Later on the compact disc, the band gives us "Quicksand," a song about all the evil in the world and how individuals must do their best to resist temptation and immoral acts.

With the exception of the last song, "King Kong," each track seems to be conveying a message. The unusual lyrics and the melodic sound make The Mustard Seeds a pleasure to listen to.

The Mustard Seeds are currently playing four nights a week in Southern California in preparation for their May West Coast tour. Their stops include Phoenix, Seattle, Sacramento and San Jose. They will play at the Cactus Club on May 13.

This summer, The Mustard Seeds will trek through Germany where they have played before with Rage Against the Machine and The Presidents of the United States. The band members said they are looking forward to the trip.

"The Germans are very receptive," Palacios said. "Each festival we play at, we are performing in front of tens of thousands of screaming people who are enjoying our music."

Palacios said no gig in the United States has yet to produce that kind of response, but they did get an appreciative audience at the Hard Rock Cafe in Las Vegas when opening for Joe Satriani.

Palacios said that in addition to performing, the band is busy trying to sell themselves to radio stations to "get their name out there." Once there name is out there, long careers could be the destiny of The Mustard Seeds.

Etc.

Text by William Jeske

Ian Brennan's

bleak
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Photo by Jay O'Neil

Ian Brennan sounds like he's one content musician. The 29-year-old will tour soon to promote his latest album, the seventh of which he has produced solo since 1987. He's married and writes his own songs, most of which are given air time on college radio stations.

Brennan's latest release "Cheapskate" is a 13-song diatribe on various aspects of life in respect to the bleak, the shamed, the pained and the wronged.

The black and white cardboard compact disc protector depicting Brennan's seemingly dead visage pressed to glass works well to visually introduce the listener to the macabre music.

"I've always thought jewel boxes were kinda cheesy," Brennan said.

"Cheapskate's" visual theme is chump change. One dollar bills and coinage is unceremoniously splattered on the album's tri-wing foldout protector.

Fastened to the lower left-hand corner is a real penny. "When I designed it I wanted to do something more three-dimensional," Brennan said.

The songs tell hard-luck stories of children, Brennan's family, the homeless and himself.

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Slayer kicks like a hanged man



Photo courtesy of American Records

Text by Francis Ladines

Speed and aggression are two words that can describe Slayer.

For more than a decade, the band has remained one of the most respected bands in the extreme metal genre. Their incessant guitar riffing and blistering tempos have influenced many other musicians.

Today's ultra-extreme metal bands, such as Obituary and Cannibal Corpse, are examples of Slayer's legacy. While not as speedy, Slayer continues to pummel listeners just as hard.

"Divine Intervention," Slayer's 1994 album, was released after a four year lay-off. The complex, brutal music and apocalyptic subject matter were vintage Slayer.

This spring, Slayer returns to unleash a new album. But their ninth album will be unlike the ones before. There won't be any songs about rape, cannibalism or necrophilia.

Instead, teen-age angst and distrust of government will fill the lyrics. According to their media kit, "Undisputed Attitude," is an album of "hard-core punk covers that kick like a hanged man."

"It's just stuff we liked in the past," said Slayer guitarist Kerry King. As a teen, he listened to early DRI, Black Flag and other early 1980s punk bands because of "the speed and the aggression."

"What I didn't like was it was political," said King.

So when Slayer was formed, hard-core punk's speed and aggression was fused with heavy metal's dark sound along with death and destruction lyrics.

Although King admits metal pioneers Black Sabbath influenced Slayer, "The soul of this band is punk rock."

Among the punk cover songs by other artists on "Undisputed Attitude" are Minor Threat's "I Don't Wanna Hear It," and "Guilty of Being White," Adolescent's "Richie Hung Himself," and T.S.O.L.'s "Abolish Government."

There are also two unreleased Slayer songs: "I Can't Stand You" and "DDAMM (Drunk Drivers Against Mad Mothers)." Both songs were written in 1984 and are strictly punk.

The last song on the album is a brand new "metal" song called "Gemini."

The cover songs follow true to punk form; fast tempos and shouted lyrics. But Slayer's versions sound far more proficient and harder than any of the originals.

Modern production made the album sound excellent. This is something no early 1980s punk band had. "If kids go buy the old records ... (they'll) sound primitive," said King.

Aside from not having a recorded-in-a-garage sound, Slayer's performance is far superior. Adding fierce guitar and double bass drum beats, Slayer shows

musicianship no other punkers could achieve.

"Gemini" was unlike any Slayer track I've heard before.

"It ('Gemini') is the slowest song we've ever written. It shows there's more to us than hard-core," said King. Slow, but plodding and heavy enough to crush your skull, the song shows new direction.

Such a change may seem necessary for today. Death-Metal has gone trite. The lyrics (you can only kill a person so many times) and tempo doesn't scare anyone anymore. The current glut of extreme metal bands continue to push the speed and macabre lyric limits, while diminishing any originality.

There are few metal bands worth listening to, each adding something new to old genre.

Fear Factory combines metal with industrial dance beats and gothic vocals. Helmet has always been heavily influenced by jazz. Godflesh is perhaps the most dexterous with hip-hop, industrial, gothic and ambient music infused in its metal.

And Slayer joins them. "Undisputed Attitude" reveals that Slayer is the greatest punk-metal band in existence.

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Refreshingly, they're sung from different points of view. None of the songs are Brennan whining and complaining about how horrid his life is.

Though the subject matter is obviously not pleasant Brennan takes the modest approach by showing you the bleak picture, letting you feel what you will rather than telling you that life is crap and you should feel that way too.

A notable example is "Joyride" in which Brennan tells of a car thief's first prize: "Squirming, unbelted in the seat, his head barely clears the wheel." The song continues with the young thief driving at the behest of his friends to drive so fast the car "catches air."

Brennan rarely varies his tone to add special effects or to promote the message of a song. Most have him almost whispering in a mesmerizing monotone.

Brennan's music doesn't quite qualify as hard rock since there isn't much of a rock tinge to it. However, the messages hit harder than the screaming, unfocused wannabes who put hella budget into their so-called hard-luck albums.

One of Brennan's sledgehammer blows comes in the first line of the first song about a 12-year-old girl who administers fellatio in "Master Plans."

Inspiration for Brennan's songs comes from his workplace and his surroundings. Brennan said he works in triage in the psychiatric emergency room of a county hospital in Oakland.

Death and hardship are represented cryptically through clever wording. Suicide is alluded to, but not addressed directly or at boorish length.

"Cheapskate" may look like a shoddy piece of work and in

some cases the songs don't sound all that articulate. Brennan's voice is sometimes reduced to drawing to make out lyrics. Fortunately, the lyrics are provided in legible, typewriter fonts with all the words spelled correctly.

The grassroots approach works for Brennan, he said. "I don't sing for money or prestige. I don't write for anyone in mind. I just sing what I feel."

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WORKS/San Jose has arranged for the documentary film "Sonic Outlaws," to be shown at the Towne Theater in San Jose. In this work, film maker Craig Baldwin addresses issues of copyright laws in music by telling the story of the band Negative Land and their unauthorized appropriation of a song by U2. The film starts at 7:15 p.m. and tickets are \$10. For more information, call 287-1433.

April 20

The Usual (400 South First St.) in San Jose adds Pele Juju to its night life. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door. For more information, call 298-9375.

April 22

Natural horn player and composer Brian Holmes will be featured at 7 p.m. in the school of music Concert Hall at SJSU. Also featured will be Cynthia Baehr on violin and Sharon Brook on piano. The performance begins at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$4-\$6. For more information call, 293-2765.

April 23

Rebecca Parris and Her Trio will perform at Yoshi's NiteSpot (6030 Claremont Ave.) in North Oakland. Showtimes are 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (510) 652-9200.

April 19

San Jose City College presents opening night of "The Country Wife," a masterpiece of English restoration comedy by William Wychetley, put on by the Theatre Arts Department. The performance will be held in the College Theatre (2100 Moorpark Ave.) in San Jose at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$4 for students and seniors and tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information and additional performance dates and times, call 298-2181.

April 21

The Fifth Annual Spring Benefit Concert of the SJSU Concert Choir and Choraliers will feature the immortal Brahms Requiem as scored by the composer for choir and four hands using two pianos. This year's concert will feature the famous duo-piano team, Alfred and Heidi Karwisher, and renowned soloists Carla Rae Cook and Jack Eppler. The Choraliers will present contemporary motets by Tormis, Nystedt, Swayne, Aguilar and Kverno. The concert will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Saratoga at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$25-\$50 for reserved seating and \$8 for students and seniors. For more information, call 924-4332.

April 24

From the western African nation of Mali, singer/songwriter Salif Keita comes to Berkeley to perform his brand of African-jazz-funk-Europop-R&B hybrid that is anything but traditional. The performance will be held at Zellerbach Hall (UC Berkeley Campus) at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12-\$22 and are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall and at (510) 642-9988. Tickets may also be purchased through all BASS outlets.

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3 <http://getrude.art.uiuc.edu/ludgate/the/place.html>

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5 <http://voyager.paramount.com>

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(March 21- April 19): Time is going by quickly. Before you know it, you will be spending a lovely summer vacation in Hawaii. You have worked hard this semester and deserve good fortune. What better fortune is there than a few weeks spent on a beach in Maui? Pack your suntan lotion and don't forget your favorite lounge chair.



Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have been considering a career change but haven't quite decided what you would like to do instead. You may have to change your major, which may be tough considering you have come so far already, but do what you have to. Change now may make for a happier you in the long run.



Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sit at a bus stop for about an hour and watch people walk by. You can learn a lot through observation; just be sure to leave prejudiced attitudes at home. This could be a real eye opener for you. Perhaps it can even add a bit more compassion to that heart of yours.



Taurus

(April 20 - May 20): Too much work and no play may be fine by you, but it is starting to annoy your lover. In fact, your lover is so tired of being second best that she or he is now turning to friends for excitement and fun. Watch yourself bull, she or he might also turn to another lover for sexual healing.



Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're feeling very lonely lately and it is no wonder. Your friends haven't been calling you because they all have boyfriends/girlfriends in their lives. Their relationships have left no time for you and you are beginning to resent this. It certainly isn't fair considering you have had a loved one in your life for a long time and it hasn't come between you and your friends. You always made time for them and wish they would do the same for you.



Gemini

(May 21-June 20): You have been trying to diet summer vacation is only around the corner. It is not working; instead, you find your weight increasing at record speed. You will not lose those extra pounds over night and you certainly won't look the way you would like to in a bathing suit if you keep dieting. Stop worrying about it and watch those unwanted pounds disappear before your very eyes.



Cancer

(June 21-July 22): The bad news is your boyfriend likes your best friend. Not just a little, but a lot. Even worse, your best friend likes your boyfriend just as much. What can you do about this? You certainly cannot prevent the two from seeing one another and you cannot force them to stop liking each other. Wait this one out. Chances are neither your boyfriend nor your girlfriend will ever make a move. If you let them know you are suspicious, you will only feed the fire.



Pisces

(Feb. 19-March 20): Why are feeling sorry for yourself? You are about to strike it rich. There is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and all you have to do is find it. It won't be easy but it won't be impossible either.



Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22): This summer, weddings cost you not only a lot of time but an excess of money. There are ways to cut costs even if you are the bride or groom to be. Don't feel cheap if you shop for a gift at Ross and consider a used wedding dress instead of spending thousands on a brand new one. Make your own flower arrangements and party gifts.



Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Acting like a child will not get you what you want. People who you normally manipulate are wiser than in the past. They catch on easily when you play little games. They shake their heads when you whine. They will not let you get away with name calling and back stabbing. Face it, you have to act your age this week.



Libra

(Sept. 23- Oct. 22): Look for signs of freedom. You have been searching for it, never realizing just how close it is. Freedom means many things to you and you are so close to deciding how you will actually use it, and how you will share it with others.



Scorpio

(Oct. 23- Nov. 21): You have been very helpful toward one person in particular but he or she feels you have motives. Continue to do your good deeds, regardless if this person seems to have little trust in you. He or she does not know you well enough to know you are a truly good natured person. This person will eventually realize you are kind hearted.

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A taxing evening

All last week I felt like I was forgetting something. I paid the phone bill, washed my car, showed up to work and started on a term paper due this week.

But I still knew there was something I was forgetting. Then, at 6 p.m. on Monday, it hit me.

It was April 15, and Big Brother wanted my taxes.

I vaguely remembered doing the math and finding out I owed Uncle Sam \$90 some months ago, but like millions of other Americans, I had waited until the last possible minute to actually file. Had I not had to work until 9:30 p.m., and had I been able to use the IRS Tele-File system that night, as I had planned to do, I probably would have had a fair shot at a good night's sleep.

But because I did not get home from work until 10 p.m., and because Tele-File's 800 number was no longer in use, I came to the realization that the rest of my night, what was left of it, would be shot.

I rushed home after work and immediately started scrambling around grabbing W-2 forms from behind the couch, on top of the refrigerator, inside my trunk and underneath piles of crumpled papers.

My brother had been kind enough to go to the post office earlier and pick up extra forms, so I thought I'd try something new and file my state taxes this year.

It wasn't until 11:10 p.m., when I was licking the last stamp and preparing to head out to the post office at break neck speed, that I remembered I had interned in Washington, D.C., last summer, and should probably be filing in Maryland or Virginia, as well.

But there was nothing I could do about it at that point, so I licked my envelopes, figured I'd amend the paperwork at a later date, jumped in my car and drove to the Willow Glen Post Office.

The time was 11:40.

Even though I spent last Saturday sitting in traffic school, I sped down Hamilton, past Bascom, past Leigh and toward Meridian, where traffic had come to a screeching halt.

I was among the dozens of drivers in a long line of cars waiting to catch even a glimpse of the post office, which was open until midnight, and all I could see for miles around me were the glaring red of brake lights.

People who had parked their cars elsewhere were running from all directions to the post office.

I could barely make out a sign *waay* up ahead that read, DROP OFF MAIL AHEAD.

I was nervous. Radio announcers on every station were counting down the minutes until midnight; rattling off the names and addresses of post offices that were postmarking mail until midnight.

When it was finally my turn to roll down my window and give my mail to the nice man standing in the street, I felt an incredible sense of relief. It was 11:55 p.m.

The upside to this story is that I made the deadline with five minutes to spare, and even had the opportunity to see balloons at the post office.

The downside is that no matter what I try to do before now and April 15, 1997, there are two things I can count on in life: death, and the fact that each year I will wait until the last minute to do my taxes.

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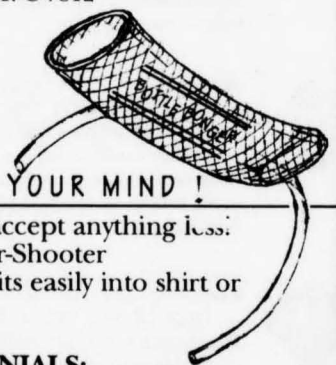
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